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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 20, 1898.

	P.M.	Night.	A.M	A.M.	A.M.	P.M*
New York....	8.00	12.15	.....	.....	9.00	2.00
Philadelphia.	11.20	4.30	7.00	8.30	12.25	4.35
Washington ...	10.40	.....	.....	7.50	10.50	.....
Baltimore	11.41	4.50	.....	8.40	11.45	.....

	D'ly A.M	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. P. M.	Dly P M.
Harrisburg.....	3.00	8.00	11.48	11.45	3.50	5.00
Rockville		8.12	11.59	.....	.....	5.13
Marysville.....	3.14	8.17	12.03	.....	.....	5.18
Duncannon.....	3.29	8.35	12.16	.....	4.15	5.34
Newport	3.52	9.05	12.37	.....	4.35	6.02
Millerstown.		9.15	12.45	.....	.....	6.11
Thompsontown		9.26	12.53	.....	.....	6.21
Port Royal.....	4.25	9.44	1.07	.....	.....	6.38
Mifflin	4.30	9.50	1.11	.....	5.07	6.43
Lewistown Jc.	4.52	10.13	1.30	1.10	5.27	7.07
McVeytown....	5.15	10.38	1,49	.....	.....	7.30
N. Hamilton....	5.33	11.00	2.06	.....	.....	7.50
Mount Union...	5.39	11.06	2.10	.....	6.08	7.56
Mapleton.	5.45	11.13	2.15	.....	.....	8.02
Huntingdon. ...	6.03	11.32	2.29	2.01	6.27	8.20
Petersburg	6 19	11.47	2.43	.....	.....	8.33
Birmingham ...	6.46	12.13	3.07	h	l	8.56
Tyrone.	6.52	12.20	3.12	2.40	7.04	9.02
Bellwood	7.17	12.41	3.29	.....	7.23	9.20
Altoona.....	7.40	1.00	3.45	3.10	7.40	9.35
Pittsburg.....	12.10	5.50	8.40	6.55	11.30	2.00
	P M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P.M

Harrisburg 10.20, Rockville 10.31, Marysville 10.34, Duncannon 10.47, Newport 11.06 Millerstown 11.14, Mifflin 11.40, Lewistown Junction 11.58, p. m. Huntingdon 12.55, Tyrone 1.32. Altoona 2.00. Pittsburg 5.30 a. m.

"h" stops to take on passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Week days	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	Dly P.M.	D'ly. P. M.	D'ly. P. M.
Pittsburg.....	2.50	8.00		12.45	4.30
Altoona..... 5.00	7.15	11.40	2.05	5.50	9.05
Bellwood..... 5.12	7.30	11.52	2.19	6.04	9.19
Tyrone 5.24	7.48	12.03	2.35	6.20	9.33
Birmingham . 5.28	7.53	g	2.40	6.24	
Petersburg ... 5 45	8.17		3.03	6.47	
Huntingdon....5.57	8.30	12.35	3.17	7.00	10.12
Mapleton. 6.11	8.47		3.35	7.15	
Mt. Union.....6.16	8.53	12.54	3.42	7.21	10.32
N. Hamilton ...6.21	8.58		3.47	7.26	
McVeytown....6.37	9.15		4.08	7.44	
Lewiston Jc....6.58	9.35	1.33	4.33	8.06	11.16
Mifflin.....7.18	9.55	1.50	4.55	8.26	11.37
Port Royal.....7.22	9.59		5.00	8.31	
Thompsontown7.37	10.14		5.18	8.47	
Millerstown. ...7.46	10.22		5.28	8.57	
Newport.....7.55	10.32	2.24	5.39	9.05	
Duncannon. ...8.20	10.54	2.44	6.08	9.29	
Marysville 8.33	11.07	2.56	6.26	9.43	
Rockville. 8.38	11.12		6.32	9.48	
Harrisburg.....8.50	11.25	3.10	6.45	10.00	1.00

Pittsburg 2.50, Altoona 6.05, Tyrone 6.27, Huntingdon 6.57, Harrisburg 9.10 A. M. daily.

	P.M.	P. M.	P. M.	P.M	P.M.		A.M
Baltimore.....	11.55	*3.11	6.00	9.45			
Washington..	1.00	*4.10	7.15	10.55			
Phila.....11.48	11.52	*3.00	6.23	10.20			4.30
New York 2.13	2.23	*5.55	9.30	3.53			7.13

Additional trains are run as under:—

Leave Pittsburg 8.30 P. M. daily, Altoona 12.15 A. M., Huntingdon 1.10 A. M.; arrive Harrisburg 3.40 A. M., Philadelphia 6.52 A. M.

Leave Pittsburg 7.30 A. M. daily, Altoona 11.05 A. M., Tyrone 11.30 A. M., Huntingdon 12.03 P. M., Lewistown Junction 1.02 p. m., arrive Harrisburg 2.40p.m., Philadelhia 5.47 p. m., New York, Desbrosses and Cortlandt Sts. 8.08; W. Twenty-third St. Station 8.20 p. m., Baltimore 6.00 p.m., Washington 7.15 p.m.

*Week-days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops on signal only.

Connecting trains leave as follows:

At Lewistown Junction.—For Sunbury 7.30 A. M. and 3.05 P. M. week days.

For Milroy 6.40, 10.20 A. M. and 3.00 p. M. week days.

At Huntingdon—For Bedford and Cumberland 8.35 A. M. and 7.05 P. M. week days. Bedford only 8.00 A. M. Sundays.

At Tyrone—For Clearfield and Curwensville 8.20 A. M., 3.20 and 7.20 P. M. week days.

For Bellefonte and Lock Haven 8.10 A. M., 12.30 and 7.15 P. M. week days.

For Scotia 7.50 A.M. and 3.15 P.M. week days.

For further information apply to ticket agents, or Thomas E. Watt, Passenger Agent, Western Division, Corner Fifth Avenue, and Smithfield Street, Pittsburg.

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Schedule in effect Sept 7, 1898.

NORTH. Irreg., No.5.	NORTH. Mail, No.3	NORTH. Mail, No.1	STATIONS.	SOUTH. Mail, No. 2.	SOUTH. No. 4	SOUTH. Mail,	SOUTH. Irreg., No. 6.
a.m.	P.M.	a.m		A. M.	P. M.		a. m.
7 22	1 07	6 20	Robertsdale	11 39	6 39		7 04
7 34	1 19	6 32	Cook's	11 24	6 27		6 54
7 46	1 31	6 44	Cole's	11 09	6 15		6 34
8 14	1 59	7 10	Saltillo	10 39	5 30		6 01
8 22	2 07	7 17	Three Springs	10 30	5 21		5 54
8 34	2 19	7 29	*Beersville	10 15	5 07		5 42
8 49	2 [illegible]	7 43	Rockhill	9 53	4 44		5 30
	2 50	8 00	Shirley	9 38	4 29		
	3 0[illegible]	8 08	*Augh. Mills	9 30	4 21		
	3 2	8 28	Mount Union	9 15	4 06		
a. m.	p. m.	a.m		a. m.	p. m.		a. m.

Irreg. No. 7, leaves Robertsdale 5.03 p. m., Cook's 5.13, Cole's 5.25, Saltillo 5.45, Three Springs 5.53, Beersville 6.05, arrive at Rockhill 6.20 p. m.

Irreg. No. 8, leaves Rockhill 3.10 p. m., Beersville 3.22, Three Springs 3.34, Saltillo 3.41, Cole's 4.06, Cook's 4.18, arrive at Robertsdale 4.30 p. m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST. Irreg., No. 12	WEST. Ma l, No. 10	STATIONS.	EAST Irreg., No. 9	EAST Mail, No. 11
p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.
5 50	7 25	L Rockhill A	6 30	4 55
5 43	7 18	*Blacklog	6 37	5 02
5 35	7 10	*Cedar Rock	6 45	5 10
5 31	7 06	*Locke Vall'y	6 49	5 14
5 25	7 00	*Shade Gap Stair	6 55	5 20
		A Goshorn L		

Mail trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11 and irregular trains 9 and 12 run daily except Sunday. Irregular trains 5, 6, 7 and 8 do not run daily, but carry passengers when run.

* Flag stations.

A. W. GREENWOOD, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 1—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—The angel presence for the new year.—Ex. xxiii, 20-25.

Behold I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him and obey his voice.—Ex. xxiii, 20, 21.

The Israelites had left Egypt and were on their way to the land of Canaan. They needed a guide in the wilderness, and God provided them with one, described here as an "angel." This angel was undoubtedly the "Angel of the Covenant," or the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who guided Israel in the pillar of cloud by day and in the pillar of fire by night.

The Christians' journey through life is typified by Israel's journey through the wilderness. We are traveling each year and each day over ways which we have not trodden before. This is particularly enforced upon us at the beginning of each new year, because at that time we think more about it. We need a guide, and God has provided us with one also, the same guide, the Lord Jesus, the "Angel of the Covenant," only manifested and revealed unto us in more and better ways.

Concerning Christ as the angel presence, we may learn that:

1. Christ is a divine guide. It was God's angel, God's messenger, who directed Israel. "My name," said the Lord, "is in him." Christ is divine. This makes His guidance infallible and worthy of our most earnest and complete acceptance.

2. Christ is an ever present guide. By day in the pillar of cloud, by night in the pillar of fire, Christ guided Israel. Orientals were accustomed to marching at night, because of the extreme heat of the day. Fire and smoke were probably used by generals in ancient times as signals, and for this reason God probably chose this form of manifesting His presence. Day and night He went before Israel. Christ today is ever present. "Lo, I am with thee alway," He said to His disciples. We need an ever present guide. Many intrust themselves to God at night, but not for the day. We need Him more through the day than when asleep at night. Then it is that we meet the trials, temptations and duties of life, and it is at these times that we need God in Christ most.

3. Christ is an adaptive guide. The pillar adapted itself to the needs of the people. In the daytime it was a cloud, at nighttime a fire. At one time it moved in front as a guiding beacon, at another it settled over the camp as a canopy, and again it went behind, between Israel and its enemies. Jesus Christ as a divine guide is adapted to the needs and wants of all classes and to the same person under all the varied circumstances of life.

4. Christ as a guide must be followed, or life will be a failure. If we disobey Christ, life will end in miserable failure. "Beware of Him and obey Him." If we obey Christ, His guidance will bring us safely to the home which He has prepared for us.

Bible Readings.—Ex. xii, 41, 42; xiii, 20-22; xiv, 19-28; Ps. xxv, 8-10; xxxi, 1-5; xxxii, 7-11; xlviii, 14; lxxiii, 24-28; cxix, 105; Neh. ix, 19; Isa. xl, 25-31; lviii, 11, 12; Math. xxviii, 19, 20; Luke i, 76-79; John xiv, 1-7.

An Upright Judge.

An amusing incident occurred in one of our courts recently. A man complained of for cruelty to animals brought in a considerable number of his wealthy friends to assure the court that he ought not to be punished. After listening carefully to all these gentlemen, the court said to the man complained of: "It is very evident, sir, that you knew better than to commit this offense. If you had been a poor man without friends I would have fined you $10; but, under the circumstances, as your friends have stated them, I shall fine you $20."—Our Dumb Animals.

An Age of Narrowness.

I wonder how it would be if Jesus of Nazareth were to appear in the flesh in this age of breadths. I wonder if He would be regarded as an anachronism. Would He be regarded as inopportune if He were to begin talking about strait gates and narrow ways? Would He be regarded as sounding a discordant and jarring note? I verily believe that if our Master were in the world today and at this meeting one of the words He would revive would be this word "narrow."—Rev. J. H. Jowett.

When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

A cough is not like a fever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectually with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

Wedding Bells.

In Cass township, at the home of Mrs. C. A. Chilcote, on December 22d, Rev. Glass pronounced the sentence that made William H. Dell and Mary E. Chilcote husband and wife. About the time the sun crossed the noonday meridian, the invited guests began to gather and they kept coming until the house was filled with near fifty souls who had come not merely to witness the happy ceremony or to partake of the excellent dinner that had been prepared for the occasion, but that they might show their appreciation for the young couple—especially for the blushing bride who was the recipient of many useful and handsome presents, ranging from a bedroom suite to a water set. At 3.25 the melodious sounds of the wedding march began to reverberate from the organ which was manipulated by Miss Catharine Adams, of Newport, Pa., to the cadence of which the strong young man and his pretty young bride, who was dressed in cream-colored cashmere trimmed with silk ribbon of the same shade, wearing a large bouquet of white carnations, marched to the parlor where, as they stood beneath a graceful arch of spruce which was artistically trimmed with holly, promptly at 3.30 they took the vow in which they pledged each other that love and harmony, mutual support and protection should be given by each to each during the remainder of life. The bride was supported by her bride's-maid, Miss Mary E. Wright, who was dressed similar to the bride, wearing a large bouquet of pink carnations, who in turn was supported by the bride's brother Mr. E. S. Chilcote, of Altoona. Dinner being over the happy couple went to the organ where they entertained the company by singing a number of favorite selections. As the shades of night came stealing over the eastern horizon, the guests began to prepare to go home, feeling that they had enjoyed a splendid time.

On the following day about twenty persons welcomed the young husband and wife at the home of Mr. Dell's father, Ephraim Dell, of Union township, where they not only enjoyed a sumptuous dinner prepared by the bridegroom's mother, but where they were treated to some original music rendered by the local organization known as the "calithumpians." We extend our hearty congratulations to the young pair and hope that neither tempestuous storm nor turbulent waves may ever disturb their peace and happiness as they sail across the sea of life. * * *

A Boy's Essay on Heroes.

A Cleveland boy wrote the following editorial on the subject of heroes for the *Leader* of that city:

"Heroes is folks that has their Name in the Paper every day, and their Picture on Sunday.

Some Heroes is Lucky to Be Where they ain't no girls to Git them in Corners and Kiss them Before you can Say Jack Robasen that's Where Dewey showed His good Sentz if them girls over to Manilla got after him He could yell to one of the Boys to turn the hose on Them.

Every time a Hero goes down street Everybody wants to Set them up Fer Him and He Don't haft to do nothin' fer a Livin Becos He can bord around if He wants to and The theaters all lets Him in free.

He rides in one of the Front carriages in the Procession, too, and Everybody Cheers Him, and I bet he feels Blam stuck up only He tries not to show it.

I wish I would be a Hero with a sord and a uniform with Them things on your shoulders what hang over in tossels. They look fine in abody's protograft, and Then mebby Ethel Wharton wouldn't Think so much of tom barlow jist becos He stole a little measley pup and give it to her."

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at B. O'Connor & Sons'.

What is commonly known as heart disease is frequently an aggravated form of Dyspepsia. Like all other diseases resulting from Indigestion, it can be cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

Deeds Entered for Record.

C. M. Hess and wife to E. Judson Madden, property in Springfield township. Consideration $1250.

J. H. Musser and wife to Isaac Dorland Massey, property in Walker township. Consideration $175.

I. Harvey Peightal to Minnie M. Hess, property in Grafton, Pa. Consideration $25.

John Thompson and wife to Augustus Eberman, property in Mount Union borough. Consideration $300.

David Shaffer and wife to Augustus Eberman, property in Mount Union borough. Consideration $120.

Cora Blanche Taylor et al. to Lola F. Eberman, property in Mount Union borough. Consideration $100.

Robert N. Stephens et al. to John Rodgers, property in Huntingdon. Consideration $375.

John Shank et ux to Chauncy F. York, property in Warriorsmark. Consideration $70.

Edith Chronister and husband to H. M. Gray, property in Warriorsmark township. Consideration $1000.

Geo. B. Orlady and wife to L. S. Fleagle, property in Coalmont borough. Consideration $62.50.

Bertha Rudy to John Metz, property in Petersburg borough. Consideration $1000.

E. S. McMurtrie to James G. Smith, porperty in Henderson township. Consideration $375.

Isabella Decker to Philip Brown, property in Huntingdon. Consideration $2000.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and $1.00 per bottle at B. O'Connor & Sons' store.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

"John Welsh, of Reynoldsville," according to the *Volunteer*, "has a rat trap. The trap catches the victims alive and is of about ten-rat capacity. The other morning this trap had secured thirty nine rats for him. The inquiry that naturally followed such a startling announcement was: How did he catch thirty-nine rats with a trap that could only hold ten? He declares that that was plain, for ten of them were inside, and the remaining twenty-nine lay dead just outside, where they had killed one another in an attempt to get in."

When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or Indigestion, remember that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It cures the worst forms of Dyspepsia. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

The Economy of Rubbers.

Rubbers are prodigious money savers—in two ways: they save shoe leather and doctors' bills. The best shoes in the world soon crack and go to pieces if you wear them in the rain and snow and slush. A pair of $3 shoes with rubbers will outwear a pair of $12 shoes without rubbers. And as for doctors' bills, a 50-cent pair of rubbers would have saved many a hundred dollar doctor's bill, to say nothing of the discomfort of being sick and the danger of pneumonia or consumption or grip.

Their Obvious Use.

"Right here," said the officer who was showing the plans of the new police station to the visiting mayor of Sawbuck, "is where the wings will be built."

"I suppose," replied the mayor of Sawbuck, anxious to show that he was not altogether unfamiliar with metropolitan slang, "there is where the fly cops will stay."—Chicago Tribune.

The Shrinkage of Cordwood.

Five cords of freshly-cut green birch wood weighed on February 27 14,336 pounds. The wood was piled out of doors and on October 19 weighed 7148 pounds, a shrinkage of more than one-half.

There are, in India, eighty-one missionaries who have served from thirty to sixty-one years, the average term of service being thirty-eight and one-half years.

Coughs Lead to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

The largest gulf known is the Gulf of Mexico, which may almost be called a sea.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has no equal as a Cough medicine.—F. M. ABBOTT, 383 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y., May 9, 1894.

A whale of fifty tons exerts 145 horse-power in swimming twelve miles an hour.

Rheumatism

Is caused by acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes this acid and cures the aches and pains. Do not suffer any longer when a remedy is at hand. Take the great medicine which has cured so many others, and you may confidently expect it will give you the relief you so much desire.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price $1. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass

Hood's Pills cure sick headache. 25c.

A Perfect Jobation.

On the occasion of a visit to his native town by a member of Parliament, one citizen, who had been prevented from going to listen to the speech in the town hall, asked another who had been present how the distinguished man had been received. "Did they cheer him?" he asked. "Cheer him?" said the other; "I should think they did. Why, they gave him a perfect jobation!" This man must surely have been related to the long-suffering landlady who was compelled to put up with some very noisy and unruly lodgers, who were accustomed to make the night hideous with their unseemly revellings. She confided her woes to a sympathetic friend: "There's no putting a stop to it, drat 'em, and I shall be 'aving the police down on my 'ouse soon. I know I shall. It's the same thing every night. As soon as I gets into bed, they're up to all their augeries!"—Cornhill.

THEY WANT TO TELL

These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVERLY, 258 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:

"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. I was under the doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, also used the Sanative Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

Mrs. AMOS TROMBLEAY, Ellenburgh Ctr., N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."

MET DEATH AT A FIRE.

An Early Morning Blaze in New York City Results in Loss of Life.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—Three women were killed and some persons injured at a fire which totally destroyed the residence of Charles H. Raymond, general agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, a few mornings ago.

The victims who suffered death or severe injury forgot in their terror the patent fire escapes with which each room in the house was fitted, and which would have carried them in safety to the street, a comparatively short distance below. The flames made astonishing headway, and Mr. Raymond, his wife, and his wife's sister, Mrs. Underwood, found themselves in danger of immediate death as soon as they left their beds,

Mrs. Underwood sprang from a window on the third floor before the firemen arrived. A crowd of helpless persons below had begged her not to jump. There was a fire escape rope within reach of her hand. She was killed instantly. Mrs. Raymond fell from a window two flights up when the top of a scaling ladder had reached her feet, and carried down with her William Doerr, a street car conductor, who had mounted ahead of the firemen. She sustained fractures of both legs, and died in Roosevelt Hospital. Doerr escaped with slight injuries.

A list of the dead and injured follows:

The dead: Mrs. Harriet Fee, forty-one years old, a cook, burned to death while attempting to alarm the family of her employer; Mrs. Victoria Raymond, fifty-nine years old, wife of Charles H. Underwood, Mrs. Isaac Newton, sixty-four years old, a widow, of Georgetown, D. C., Mrs. Raymond's sister; killed by jumping into the street.

The injured: J. F. Andreace, fireman, cuts on face and hands; John Cahill, fireman, finger almost severed; Frederick Deissoth, fireman, hand cut by glass; William Doerr, thirty years old, street car conductor; William Ferguson, butler, injured by jumping and shock; Otto Fink, fireman, cut on forehead while rescuing Mr. Raymond; Margaret Mullarkey, servant; Charles H. Raymond, sixty-four years old, slightly burned and suffering; Edward Sweeney, fireman, hand cut by glass.

SAMUEL GOMPERS RE-ELECTED.

Retains the Post of President of the American Federation of Labor.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Special).—Samuel Gompers was re-elected President of the American Federation of Labor by a practically unanimous vote at the closing session of the eighteenth annual convention of that organization,

SAMUEL GOMPERS.

The American Federation of Labor went on record as strongly opposed to President McKinley's policy of expansion, when it adopted, by a practically unanimous vote, the following resolution:

"Whereas, As a result of the recent war with Spain, a new, far-reaching and dangerous policy, known as imperialism, or expansion, is about to be thrust upon us, together with the necessary and inevitable accompaniment of a large standing army and an autocratic navy;

"Resolved, That this convention offers its most emphatic protest against such a policy and instructs its executive officers to use all honorable means to secure the defeat of legislation tending toward annexation and imperialism."

Detroit was selected as the next place of meeting.

PRINCE GEORGE IN CRETE.

The New Ruler Receives a Cordial Welcome to the Island.

CANEA, Island of Crete (By Cable).—Prince George of Greece, the High Commissioner of the Powers, arrived at Suda Bay, a few days ago, escorted by the British, French, Russian and Italian flagships. He was saluted by the forts and was welcomed by immense crowds of people on landing. As soon as the Prince was ashore a procession was formed and he came here.

The route was lined by the international troops. The Prince and his party stopped before the church, where a te deum was sung. He then proceeded to the Government building, where the Cretan flag was hoisted and saluted by the warships.

Prince George has issued a proclamation promising to govern with justice and impartiality, securing liberty to all without distinction.

SIX KILLED ON CHILKOOT PASS.

Snow Slide Wipes Out a Camping Party on Shore of Crater Lake.

SEATTLE, Wash. (Special).—The news was brought by the steamer Alki a few days ago, of the loss of six lives on the Chilkoot Pass by a snow slide on December 9. The party consisted of Mrs. Darling and two sons of Lake Linderman, Bert Johns of Juneau, Harry Shaw, of Skagway and a man whose name could not be learned. They were camped on the shore of Crater Lake when the slide came down the mountain, burying them beneath tons of ice and snow. Five bodies were recovered, but the sixth was not found.

This makes seventy lives lost by snow slides along this trail during 1889.

A Coasting Party's Mishap.

As a result of a coasting accident at Turtle Creek, Penn., Joseph West, age thirty, is dead and eleven others injured, two seriously. The sled collapsed at the bottom of a steep hill, and hurled the party with great force in every direction. The two seriously injured are W. B. Maddey, both legs broken, and Joseph Connor, left leg broken and injured badly about the head.

STARVATION IN CALIFORNIA.

Drought in Monterey County Has Brought Inhabitants Into Terrible Straits.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. (Special).—The people in southern Monterey County are starving and have appealed for State aid. In a petition to Governor Budd they say:

"Little or no rain has fallen since a year ago February. The scarcity of rain for several years previous had caused a shortage of crops, while this year we have had entire failure. As a result feed, seed and family supplies are exhausted. Cattle, hogs and poultry have been disposed of to meet our necessities, while hundreds of cattle have died from starvation. Our poorest horses have been shot, while our best are eating the last hay we have means to purchase.

"We have nothing left to dispose of. Our farms are mostly mortgaged for all that can be raised on them, and moneyed men and banks will loan no money on unencumbered real estate in this part of the country.

"There are families in the community who have lived for months on bran and shorts, others who have lived on bread and water, and scores who have had neither milk, butter nor meat. Local committees are feeding hundreds, but hundreds more are in need. These people simply ask for facilities by which to help themselves, money or supplies at reasonable interest, until they can secure returns or work at living wages to keep soul and body together."

GREAT FIRE IN TERRE HAUTE.

Cotton Decorations in a Window Set Ablaze by Electric Wire.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (Special).—The worst fire in the history of Terre Haute took place a few nights ago, causing a loss of nearly $2,000,000, and several persons were seriously injured endeavoring to escape.

The blaze started in the show windows of the Havens & Geddes Company, wholesale and retail dealers in dry goods and notions. The cause is not definitely known, but it is supposed a live electric wire set fire to the cotton with which the window was decorated.

Before the blaze could be extinguished the fire spread to the decorations of evergreens in the store, and the building was wrapped in flames in an incredibly short space of time.

The principal losses are: Havens & Geddes, $800,000; Breinig & Miller, furniture, $25,000; Pixley & Co., $100,000; Terre Haute Shoe Company, wholesale, $150,000; Albrecht & Co., retail dry goods, $750,000; United States Baking Company, $80,000; Thorman & Schloss, clothiers, $50,000.

A CONVENTION IN PORTO RICO.

Municipal Representatives Desire Statehood in the American Union.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico (By Cable).—The convention of representatives of the towns of Porto Rico, which General Henry, the Military Governor, called together, met a few days ago.

Munoz Rivera, President of the former Autonomic Council, on behalf of seventy-five delegates, of whom forty were Radicals, delivered an address to General Henry, declaring that the convention was enthusiastically in favor of free trade with the United States, compulsory education, the settlement of a rate of exchange, and of modifications in the currency, though not in favor of the removal of the duty on sugar, which would be a death blow to Porto Rico. Senor Rivera declared also that the Porto Ricans were in favor of a territorial organization, with a view to early Statehood, on the same basis as that of the American States.

The convention, which was politically harmonious, pronounced in favor of commercial and religious liberty, and the future limitation of the suffrage to males over twenty-one years of age who pay taxes and are able to read and write.

General Henry is much pleased.

DEADLY TRAP IN ALABAMA.

Set by a Birmingham Man, It Has Killed Two Burglars.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Special).—Since the death of his mother two years ago, William Penny, an eccentric old bachelor, has resided by himself in the family home near Dolomete. He was a hard-working man and daily absent from his home. His industry and thrift resulted in the belief by many people that he kept a hoard of money at home, and his house has been entered by burglars several times.

Last spring, in order to catch any future intruders, Penny set a trap gun just inside his door. In April, Gilbert Dorsey, colored, broke into the house, and was shot and killed by the gun. A few days ago, while Penny was at church, Nelson Wright, also a negro, entered the house. The gun went off and Wright died in the county jail from his wounds. Another was severely wounded in September in the same manner.

Wright was a deserter from the Third Alabama Regiment, stationed at Anniston. Penny's successful mode of protecting his property has not been criticised. His trap gun is ingeniously set with wires. He himself can enter the house when the shot-gun is set, but it is death for anyone else to make the attempt.

WOMEN CLERKS MUST GO.

A Sweeping Order Issued by the North Western Railroad Company.

CHICAGO, Ill. (Special).—All the women clerks and stenographers of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad who have not been in the employ of the company for at least two years are to be discharged. The vacancies will be filled by men. An official of the road said:

"The move was not because the women proved inefficient, but it is simply carrying out the company's policy in the matter of promotion of employes. The Northwestern will advance its employes from low positions to offices of trust. Can you imagine a woman as general superintendent or general manager of the affairs of this great railway system? I think not. But just so long as we have women in the clerical positions the source from which to draw valuable officials in the future is narrowed to small limits."

LOAN OFFERED TO RUSSIA.

William M. Ivins Makes an American Syndicate Proposal to the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (By Cable).—An official agency here has issued the following announcement:

"The United States Charge d'Affaires, H. H. D. Peirce, has communicated to the Ministry of Finance a proposal by William M. Ivins, of the New York, the representative of a group of financiers, to make a large loan to Russia. The decision of M. de Witte, the Finance Minister, is not known."

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

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BUTTER.			
Creamery—West. extras...	$ —	@	$ 21
Firsts	19	@	20
Thirds to seconds	15	@	18
State—Thirds to firsts	15	@	18½
State Dairy tubs, extras	—	@	18
Imitation Creamery	13	@	17
Factory, fresh firsts	—	@	13½
Low grades	12	@	13
CHEESE.			
State—Full cream, fancy	9¾	@	10½
Small	10¾	@	11
Part skims, good to prime	5½	@	6
Full skims	3	@	3½
EGGS.			
Nearby—Fancy	—	@	30
State and Penn—Fresh	26	@	27
Western—Choice	—	@	26
Southern—Choice	24	@	25
BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, choice, 1898	1 50	@	1 52½
Medium, 1898	1 32½	@	1 35
Pea, choice, 1898	—	@	1 25
Red kidney, choice, 1898	1 75	@	1 80
White kidney, choice, 1898	1 70	@	1 75
Yellow eye	—	@	1 55
Lima, Cal., ₱ 60 lbs	2 30	@	2 35
Green peas, bags	87½	@	90
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples, Greenings, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	3 75
Baldwin, ₱ bbl	2 50	@	3 50
Spy, ₱ bbl	2 75	@	3 50
Grapes, Catawba, ₱ basket	11	@	14
Niagara, ₱ basket	10	@	16
Cranberries, Cape Cod, ₱ bbl	5 00	@	8 00
Jersey, ₱ bbl	—	@	5 00
HOPS.			
State—1898, choice, ₱ lb	19½	@	20
Fair to prime	16	@	18½
Pacific Coast, 1898, choice	20	@	21
Common to prime	14	@	19
Old odds	4	@	8
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls, ₱ lb	—	@	8
Chickens, ₱ lb	—	@	6
Roosters, ₱ lb	—	@	4½
Turkeys, ₱ lb	—	@	9
Ducks, ₱ pair	45	@	60
Geese, ₱ pair	1 00	@	1 37
Pigeons, ₱ pair	10	@	15
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, ₱ lb	6	@	14
Chickens, Phila	9	@	14
Jersey	8	@	10
Fowls, State & Penn., ₱ lb	7½	@	8
Ducks, Western	8	@	9
Nearby, ₱ lb	9	@	10
Geese, Md., ₱ lb	9	@	11
Squabs, ₱ doz	1 25	@	2 50
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay—Prime, ₱ 100 lb	—	@	67½
Clover mixed	40	@	45
Straw—Long rye	40	@	52½
Short rye	—	@	—
Oat	—	@	—
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, L. I., ₱ bbl	1 75	@	2 00
Jersey, ₱ bbl	1 00	@	1 37
Sweet, ₱ bbl	50	@	2 50
Cabbages, ₱ 100	2 00	@	4 00
Onions, Conn. white, ₱ bbl	—	@	—
Red and yellow, ₱ bbl	1 50	@	2 25
Egg plant, ₱ bbl	2 50	@	5 00
Tomatoes, ₱ carrier	1 00	@	3 00
Squash, marrow, ₱ bbl	50	@	75
Turnips, Russia, ₱ bbl	60	@	1 00
Green peas, Fla., ₱ basket	1 50	@	2 50
Cauliflower, ₱ bbl	1 00	@	4 50
String beans, ₱ crate	1 25	@	2 50
Lettuce, ₱ bbl	1 00	@	2 50
Brussels sprouts, ₱ qt	6	@	10
Celery, ₱ doz	10	@	50
Lima beans, ₱ bag	1 50	@	2 00
Spinach, ₱ bbl	75	@	1 25
Beets, ₱ bbl	75	@	1 00
Kale, ₱ bbl	35	@	60
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter Patents	3 65	@	3 85
Spring Patents	3 70	@	3 95
Wheat—No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	75¾
No. 2 Red	—	@	77
Corn—No. 2	41⅞	@	42⅜
Oats—No. 2 White	—	@	34
Track mixed	32	@	33½
Rye—Western	60½	@	61
Barley—Feeding	—	@	—
Lard—City steam	4.80c	@	4.85c
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	7	@	9
Calves, city dressed	9	@	11½
Country dressed	6	@	9½
Sheep, ₱ 100 lb	—	@	4 12½
Lambs, ₱ 100 lb	—	@	5 50
Hogs—Live, ₱ 100 lb	3 50	@	3 70
Country dressed	3½	@	5¼

LOCOMOTIVES FOR THE WORLD.

American Engines Are in Demand in England, China and Japan.

LONDON (By Cable).—The Midland Railway has been compelled to order twenty freight engines in the United States, owing to the large number of advance orders held by English locomotive works.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (Special).—The first order from an English railway to be received at the Schenectady Locomotive Works calls for ten mogul freight engines, which will be built for the Midland Railroad. The machines will be of the American pattern, with cylinders eighteen inches in diameter, with twenty-four-inch stroke, and fitted with all modern appliances. A shipment of twenty-seven locomotives has just been completed for the Nippon Railway of Japan, and the works are running day and night on orders, with a force of 2000 men.

PHILADELPHIA (Special).—The Baldwin Locomotive Works has received an order for sixteen locomotives for the Imperial Railway of China, making the second order received from that country during the year. An order has also been received for ten locomotives from the Midland Railway of England.

BRITISH HARDWARE MAKERS' FEARS.

They Will Ask Salisbury to Confer With Us as to Colonial Imports.

LONDON (By Cable).—Hardware firms of Birmingham, Sheffield and the Midland districts are alarmed at the probable effect on the business of the acquisition of the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico by the United States. They have held meetings thereon.

A large business is done with these colonies in hardware, mostly through Spanish houses. As a result of the meetings a resolution will be moved at the coming conference in London of the Associated Chambers of Commerce that a memorial be presented to Lord Salisbury to enter into friendly communication with the United States in order that the produce and manufactures of Great Britain shall not be subjected to differential treatment on the imports of the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico.

Paris Site For Lafayette Statue.

The Lafayette statue proposed by Commissioner Peck, of the United States, will stand in the Louvre Gardens, near the Gambetta monument in Paris, France.

Does Your Head Ache?

Are your nerves weak? Can't you sleep well? Pain in your back? Lack energy? Appetite poor? Digestion bad? Boils or pimples? These are sure signs of poisoning.

From what poisons?

From poisons that are always found in constipated bowels.

If the contents of the bowels are not removed from the body each day, as nature intended, these poisonous substances are sure to be absorbed into the blood, always causing suffering and frequently causing severe disease.

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They daily insure an easy and natural movement of the bowels.

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Write the Doctor.

Our Medical Department has one of the most eminent physicians in the United States. Tell the doctor just how you are suffering. You will receive the best medical advice without cost. Address,

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Protection Against Extreme Cold.

Professor C. E. Lindeman, after whom the great Alaskan lake was named, says that while in that region he wore silk underwear, or red flannels steeped in lard oil, and outside of his woolen overalls of corduroy. "In that dress," he adds, "I never suffered from the cold."

Southern Papers Prosperous.

At the last meeting of the Southern Publishers' Association, held at Memphis, Tenn., it was developed that the Southern newspapers, without exception, are in a more prosperous condition than they have been for several years.

A Huge Flock of Swans.

Lord Ilchester has 11,000 swans upon his estate at Abbotsburg, a charming little village a few miles from Weymouth, England. The cost of caring for the swans averages over $10,000 per year.

Grows Stubborn.

Any complaint becomes chronic by neglect, and rheumatism grows stubborn by not using St. Jacobs Oil, which is its sure cure and conquers the pain promptly. Every sufferer should use it.

Sir Moses Montefiore was nearly 101 years old when he died.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. $1. All druggists.

There are more than 1400 islands in the Philippine group which Spain has ceded to us.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The Marquis of Butte's mansion, near Rothesay, cost $10,000,000.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

American exports to Nicaragua are much more varied than imports from Nicaragua.

Dr. Seth Arnold's Cough Killer the best ever used in my family.—THOMAS M. BUTLER, Cor. 10th and Locust Sts., Phila., Pa., Nov. 22, 1897.

It is estimated that there are 100,000 medical students in the United States.

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"I suffered the tortures of the damned with protruding piles brought on by constipation with which I was afflicted for twenty years. I ran across your CASCARETS in the town of Newell, Ia., and never found anything to equal them. To-day I am entirely free from piles and feel like a new man."

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... CURE CONSTIPATION. ...

Sterling Remedy Company, Chicago, Montreal, New York. 312

NO-TO-BAC Sold and guaranteed by all druggists to CURE Tobacco Habit.

UNCLE SAM'S HAPPY NEW YEAR.

ENGLAND AND THE CANAL

The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty is Likely to Be Abrogated.

TO ACT AT AN EARLY DATE.

Great Britain is Willing That the United States Should Control the Nicaraguan Waterway Under Proper Conditions—We Are to Guarantee the Canal's Neutrality and Safeguard British Interests.

LONDON (By Cable).—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the Cabinet and public opinion, which largely influences the Government's policy, points to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been reached. Great Britain desires that the Nicaragua Canal be constructed, and is willing that the United States should control it if the United States guarantees its neutrality and safeguards British interests. The reports from Washington that the British Ambassador there, Sir Julian Pauncefote, has been instructed to negotiate the abrogation of the treaty are incorrect, though it is likely he will soon receive instructions to that effect.

The impression here is that the British Foreign Office and the United States Charge de Affaires, Henry White, incidental to his visits to Cabinet Ministers, will arrange the basis of action. Mr. White spent a few days with the Marquis of Salisbury at Hatfield House, and with his family spent Christmas week with the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, the country seat of the Duke, who is Lord President of the Council. There Mr. White met another influential Minister, Lord George Hamilton, the Secretary of State for India.

Negotiations May Be Opened Soon.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—It is accepted as little short of certain in the best-informed official and diplomatic circles that negotiations will be opened at an early day toward modifying the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty to meet the conditions of the present day concerning American construction and control of the Nicaragua Canal.

New Secretary of the Interior.

ETHAN ALLEN, HITCHCOCK.

LOSSES IN THE LAKE MARINE.

Estimated at $2,600,000 and Said to Be Heavier Than Ever Before.

CHICAGO, Ill. (Special).—Marine losses on the lakes during the season of 1898 were much greater than during any season previous. The estimates of the various underwriters vary greatly, but a general average of these estimates will place the aggregate loss at $2,600,000.

Vesselmen protest that these figures are too high, and say that the insurance companies have not lost heavily. In a list of 569 losses the causes assigned were as follows:

Ashore, 123; aground in protected channels, 126; fire, 40: collisions, 90; ice, 16; stormbeaten, 96; foundered, 8; miscellaneous causes, 116.

Lake Michigan has been the scene of the greatest number of disasters, with Lake Superior second. Lake Huron was remarkably free from disasters, while Lake Ontario produced a larger number of serious losses than Lake Erie.

The number of boats destroyed is 58. Their aggregate tonnage was 29,191 tons.

PHILIPPINE NATIVES CRUEL.

Stories of Maltreatment of Spanish Prisoners by the Insurgents.

MANILA, Philippine Islands (By Cable).—The assertion so strenuously made by the natives that they are a highly civilized race is not borne out by facts, according to Spanish refugees from the north who have just reached here. They say that after the surrender of the town of Aparri the insurgents formed a parade, whose central feature was a Spanish lieutenant, who was carried along the streets suspended from a bamboo pole, to which his hands and feet were tied, just as hogs are carried along here by coolies. On arrival at the plaza the procession halted, the pole was placed on two forked sticks, and a squad of rebels proceeded to terrorize their helpless victim by shooting as close to his head as was possible without wounding him. When the unfortunate man was unconscious from terror the procession moved on again. Another story is told of a Spanish officer being confined in a cell with his hands tied behind his back, and compelled to eat the portions of food allotted him from the floor of his cell like a dog. Not satisfied with this, his captors are said to have hooked a rope to his swollen wrists, and by means of a pulley overhead pulled him off his feet until he fainted.

Still another refugee states that because he threw some papers which he did not wish rebels to have into a cesspool the natives dropped him into the hole and compelled him to recover the papers. After this he was paraded through the streets for hours.

The Spanish priests who were captured fared somewhat better, according to reports. The rebels organized them into an extempore brass band to head their procession, and by dint of kicks and blows compelled their captives to produce plaints of discord, which highly amused the natives. The natives indignantly deny these allegations, and their newspapers retaliate by printing horrible stories of atrocities practiced by the Spaniards before the surrender of Manila, one of them even publishing the affidavits of the victims.

CONSULS IN CUBA AND SPAIN.

Offices in the Island Closed Pending the Recognition of Independence.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special.)—The State Department has instructed Vice Consul General Springer to proceed to Havana and close up the affairs of the United States Consulate General there. The Consular offices throughout Cuba will not be abandoned just now, but will be closed temporarily until such times as, through the recognition of the independence of the Cubans, it may become necessary to resume business through them.

The department has as yet taken no steps toward reopening the American Consulate in Spain, and this will probably be allowed to await the exchange of ratifications of the peace treaty. In the absence of the usual treaties of amity and commerce, the status of United States Consuls sent to Spain would be somewhat indefinite, but it is not doubted that they would be afforded proper facilities for the discharge of their duties.

One, at least, and perhaps more, of the United States Consular officers in Spain remained at his post throughout the war, undisturbed. The officer was not an American citizen, but that in itself would not have protected him from the interference of the Spanish officials in the making of his usual reports to the State Department. Another curious fact is that there was received without intermission throughout the war at the Navy Department a Spanish official naval publication on the exchange list of the department.

FAITH CURIST FOUND GUILTY.

Second Conviction Obtained in Ohio Against the Christian Scientists.

CINCINNATI, Ohio (Special).—Miss Allie Putnam, a Christian Scientist, was convicted a few days ago by a Police Court jury of violating the State laws regulating the practice of medicine. Judge Schwab fined her $100. She was released on $100 bond pending an argument for a new trial.

This is the second conviction secured by the State Health Board, which has instituted a crusade against Christian Scientists. C. B. McLelland, representing the Board, was treated by Miss Putnam for alleged stomach trouble. He paid her a fee.

Ten thousand dollars was pledged by a wealthy Cincinnati Christian Scientist, who refuses to have his name published, for the further defence of Miss Putnam. Amos Weston, a leader in the Christian Science Church here, said:

"The building fund of $24,000 pledged to this church is also available for Miss Putnam's case. It will be a national test case, and we will carry it to the Supreme Court of the United States, if necessary."

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Wooden legs, according to statisticians, are used by over 1,000,000 English-speaking men.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

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During 1897 Nebraska marketed $140,772,494 worth of products.

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Mis-steps have made the worst sprains, but it is no mis-step to use St. Jacobs Oil. It makes a cure by strengthening, soothing and conquering the pain. Every hour's delay makes it harder to cure.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle

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CALVIN.

The revival services in the M. E. church are still in progress.

Lewis Robison, who has been sick for six or eight weeks, is convalescent.

Jesse Smith lost his main horse last week, but she had lived her allotted time—1¼ score.

Mrs. B. F. Glasgow, who has been sick for some time past, is much improved at this time.

Mrs. George Rabenstein, who has been mentally affected for some time, is very much improved.

Miss Bertha Coder, who is teaching the little-dug-outs, is spending her holiday vacation at the home of her parents.

J. C. Pheasant is housed up with the grip; also one of Philip Park's children is under the treatment of Dr. McClain.

George Mierley died Tuesday morning at 8.30 and will be buried Thursday at 10.30. A more extended notice will be given next week.

Our vale is keeping pace with other parts of the country in the way of nuptials. Two people were made one last week and two more this week and some more to follow.

Our holiday visitors are Dr. G. M Glasgow, wife and son, of Glencampbell, Pa.; Mrs. Will Miller, of North Lima, Ohio; W. M. Roland and wife, of Altoona; P. P. Brumbaugh, of Entriken; Will Taylor and sister, of Latta Grove; Miss Maude Miller, of Huntingdon; Adin Green, of Newberg, and Miss Blanche Querry, of Huntingdon.

The Christmas services in the U. B. church on Saturday evening were largely attended by old and young, and the effects of hard cider and alcohol were manifest in quite a number. Some persons, we presume, do not know that it is a violation of the law of our land to become drunk and much more so when they go to public meetings or gatherings. We believe if the law were strictly enforced a few times this habit would be broken up.

MILL CREEK.

J. Leroy Menold is ill with a light attack of typhoid fever.

J. M. Simpson and wife gave a monstrous dinner to the Simpson connection last Saturday.

A number of Mill Creek young people will attend a wedding near Shirleysbbrg this week.

Most of our townspeople spent Christmas at home, realizing that "there's no place like home."

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Carothers, of Belleville, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carothers.

Samuel A. Goodman and wife, of Altoona, spent Christmas under the parental roof in this place.

Dr. B. E. Himes, of Altoona, and Duffy Himes, of Juniata college, spent Christmas at their home here.

Geo. English moved his family to Huntingdon last week, where he has secured work in a stone quarry.

The revival in the M. E. church is still going on. A number have professed conversion, the larger part of them being young men.

The three Sunday schools in our town gave a Xmas treat to their scholars, and entertainments were given in the Baptist and Lutheran churches.

Misses Doretha Robley, Ada and Edith Wood, John Hicks and John Robley, of Mapleton, attended the entertainment at the Baptist church Saturday evening.

LATTA GROVE.

Oliver M. Stever is suffering from the grip.

George Lynn is running his shingle mill at full blast.

Jesse H. Stever is visiting friends in and about Lewistown.

Willie Taylor and sister spent Christmas with Calvin friends.

The protracted meeting will begin at Latta Grove on January 2d.

W. W. Smith, of Altoona, spent Sunday with his family at this place.

Miss Rhoda Smith, who has been living in Altoona, is spending a week at home.

Luden Dell started Monday morning for the Big valley to take charge of a stave mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pheasant are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. R. Smith, in Altoona.

Miss Olive White, of Lewistown, is enjoying the holidays among her numerous friends in this section.

The branch of the Saltillo telephone line from Cassville to this place will be in operation by January 1st.

Miss Clara I. Dell, who has been living at Mapleton for some time past, has returned to her home at this place.

Geo. David, wife and children spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. David's parents and friends near Latta Grove.

The P. O. S. of A., of Latta Grove, will hold a festival in their hall next Saturday evening. Everybody is invited to come.

A. W. Pheasant has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to be about again, which fact his many friends will be glad to note.

Miss Dora Miller, of Scipio, Indiana, accompanied by S. B. Dell, started for her western home last Thursday. Miss Miller made many friends during her stay who were sorry to see her leave.

CASSVILLE.

Miss Mame Heaton is spending the Christmas vacation with friends in Baltimore.

Rev. Andujar delivered a very fine Christmas sermon on Sabbath morning in the M. E. church.

A merry Christmas has come and gone. May all the ITEM readers have a happy and prosperous New Year.

W. M. Hamilton, who is a student at Carlisle, is at home for the holidays, as is also Miss Mary Hamilton, who is taking a post-graduate course at Millersville.

The Epworth League will hold a festival Friday and Saturday, December 30 and 31, in Curfman's hall. Ice cream, cake and oysters will be served. Come and help them.

The Christmas entertainment in the Lutheran church was a pronounced success. The music was excellent and the recitations and other selections were well rendered. The school was then given a generous treat, which gladdened the hearts of the little ones.

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The Mapleton Item.

Mapleton Depot, Pa., Dec. 28, 1898.

LOCAL NOTES.

—Exit 1898.

—We wish all our readers a happy New Year.

—The fumes of burning sulphur will destroy diphtheria germs.

—Samuel Hatfield enjoyed Christmas among friends in Alexandria.

—Rev. R. S. Woodward visited relatives in Lancaster county last week.

—Andrew Simpson, of Mill Creek, called upon some of his Mapleton friends on Sunday.

—Mrs. Henry Treverton and son are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Perry county.

—For clothing, overcoats, dress suits, odd pants, coats or vests, go to W. G. Ewing's, Mount Union, Pa.

—J. O. Heaton, Cassville, Pa., recommends and sells all of Chamberlain's remedies advertised in the ITEM.

—R. D. Kinkead and wife, of Huntingdon, were visitors among Mapleton friends a portion of the past week.

—Joshua Lamberson, of Clearfield county, was a guest at the parental home in Mapleton Saturday and Sunday.

—E. E. Bertnet and wife, of South Fork, Pa., were the guests of Mrs. Bertnet's aunt, Mrs. H. H. Swope, the past week.

—Ira V. Rex and family, of Greensburg, are enjoying the holiday season among their friends and relatives in this place.

—H. H. Lamberson and wife, of Newberg, have been circulating among their many Mapleton friends during the past few days.

—Miss Emma Woodward, matron of the Westmoreland county home, is spending the holiday season with her parents in Mapleton.

—Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. G. Gillam.

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—W. G. Ewing, Mount Union, Pa., has ladies' coats and capes, new this season, at very reasonable prices. Also misses' jackets and long coats at bargain prices.

—The services in the Presbyterian church for next Sunday were announced for evening but instead will be at 10.45 in the morning, at which hour Rev. D. H. Campbell will preach.

—The ITEM office has been favored with calls during the past week from our friends George W. Taylor and J. B. Gosnell, of Cass township, E. S. Chilcott, of Union township, and Samuel Miller, of Indiana.

—A man was killed about nine o'clock last night by being struck by an engine at the stone arch bridge north of town. The body was taken to Huntingdon. At the time of going to press we are without further particulars.

—Simpson A. Shoop, who has been employed in Allegheny county for some months past, is home at present arranging for the sale of his father's real estate in Union township. Advertisement of said sale appears elsewhere in this paper.

—After next Saturday five per cent will be added to all unpaid school and borough taxes in this borough for the year 1898. All who desire to save this additional amount will have to settle with Collector Toomey on or before that date.

—Sigel Ashman, of Clay township, one of Pennsylvania's model farmers, returned home last week from attendance at the National Agricultural convention in Texas. He says the sessions were very interesting and he had an enjoyable trip.

—The home of J. P. Wilson on Railroad street has been enlivened during the past few days by the presence of his daughters Misses Minerva and Lizzie, who have been living at Harrisburg, and his son Oscar, who is employed in Westmoreland county.

—David P. Simpson, of Mill Creek, spent a few hours last Friday with friends in Mapleton. Mr. Simpson is a genuine sportsman and with others of his ilk feels some alarm over the ruthless manner in which our forests are being depopulated of game.

—Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by J. G. Gillam.

—William Africa, an aged resident of Huntingdon, had a paralytic stroke last Friday from which he died Monday evening. The remains will be buried at Huntingdon this afternoon. Deceased was one of a coterie of jovial men of leisure of the county capital and was a familiar figure. He was a prominent member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300, F. and A. M.

—The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lynn in Union township was saddened on Christmas day by the death of their eight-year-old daughter, Minnie, who died of diphtheria. She was a bright girl and will be sadly missed. The remains were interred yesterday, Rev. R. S. Woodward officiating at the services. We extend our warmest sympathies to the bereaved parents and friends.

—William D. Cree, a former resident of Mapleton, died of consumption at the home of his brother James, in Shade Gap, last Friday and the remains were interred on Sunday. Mr. Cree has been in ill health for nearly a year and has gradually declined. He was aged about fifty years. His family resides at Braddock. Mrs. Cree and son, William, were present at the funeral. We extend sympathy to the bereaved friends.

—We publish an advertisement of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure in our columns this issue, and wish to say to our patrons that we believe this preparation is worthy of a trial by any person suffering from this agonizing complaint. We honestly believe this preparation will do for you all the manufacturers claim for it. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is prepared by the well known and reliable firm of E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, and from our long experience in a business sense, with this firm as advertisers, we feel safe in saying that they would not place on the market a preparation for the cure of dyspepsia unless they had a remedy of the highest merit, and conscientiously believe it would cure this well known and almost universal complaint. We further add that if this preparation is equal to the other well known remedies which they make, viz:—DeWitt's Little Early Risers, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, and One Minute Cough Cure, it will speedily win its way into public favor. We cheerfully and heartily give onr personal endorsement to this concern, and the reliability of the goods they manufacture, which have been largely the means of their success, and in writing this voluntary endorsement on our part, we feel that we are simply performing a duty which we owe to our patrons.

Marriage Licenses.

William C. Black, Cassville, and Orpha I. Stever, Calvin.

George V. Benkert and Anna B. Bare, both of Huntingdon.

Charles F. McCafferty and Mary Etta Boags, both of Petersburg.

Samuel E. Booher and Alice Annie Walls, both of Porter township.

Edward M. Smith, Huntingdon, and Bertha Alice Chilcote, Cass township.

Jesse A. Kidd and Laura C. Dysard, both of Huntingdon.

George Briggs and Annie Covill, both of Blairs Mills.

Abner L. Carothers and Mary A. Heffner, both of Saxton, Pa.

Lloyd P. Garver and Mary V. Weston, both of Cromwell township.

Charles H. Wible and Annie S. Nead, both of Springfield township.

George M. Kyle, Barree township, and Iola Mae Grove, Brady township.

H. I. Speck, Huntingdon, and Nannie H. Smith, Calvin.

Harry Bailey and Letitia Lamberson, both of Mapleton.

Harry F. Harpster, Huntingdon Furnace, and Eva B. Kenour, Krider, Pa.

Chas. S. Ewing, Newton Hamilton, and Ora Lutz, Shirley township.

Matthew H. Shannon, New Florence, Pa., and Mary E. Funk, Warriorsmark.

William E. Black, Holyoke, Mass., and Alice White, Huntingdon.

Martin F. Miller and Annie Miller, both of Huntingdon.

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Changes in Railroad Officials.

The rumored changes of officials on the lines of the Pennsylvania system which have agitated the minds of interested persons in railroad circles for some months will be made at the beginning of the new year. The changes are as follows:

General Superintendent F. L. Shepherd is promoted to the general superintendency of the United Railroads of New Jersey division, succeeding F. Walcott Jackson, who becomes president of the corporate roads forming the division. General Superintendent J. M. Wallis, now of the Northern Central railroad, succeeds Mr. Sheppard as general superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad division. G. W. Creighton, superintendent of the middle division, succeeds Mr. Wallis on the Northern Central. M. Hayward Myers, of Reading, succeeds Mr. Creighton on the middle division. R. M. Patterson, of the Delaware Extension and Kensington division, becomes superintendent of the New York division. D. H. Lovell, of the Monongahela division, succeeds Mr. Patterson. Mr. Frank Robb succeeds Mr. Lovell on the Monongahela division.

E. F. Brooks has been appointed general superintendent of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore division.

A. W. Moss, now superintendent of the Frederick division, will be superintendent of the Schuylkill division.

F. P. Abercrombie will be the new superintendent of the Cambria and Clearfield division, being transferred from the Bedford division.

Victor Wierman, now superintendent of the Lewistown division, is appointed superintendent of the Frederick division.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

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If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

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A Word to Farmers.

Farmers and others desiring to purchase fruit or ornamental trees are urged to correspond with me before purchasing. The stock I have sold in this county in the past years has proven true to name and the trees were healthy. This ought to be convincing evidence that it is better to buy from reliable home agents than from strangers. I intend canvassing the county thoroughly this season and want your patronage.

L. C. CORBIN,
9-28-98. tf Huntingdon, Pa.

MARRIED.

KIDD—DYSART—At Mapleton U. B. parsonage, Saturday evening, December 24, 1898, by Rev. R. S. Woodward, Mr. Jesse A. Kidd and Miss Laura C. Dysart, both of Huntingdon, Pa.

JOHNSTON—ANDERSON—At the home of the groom's mother in Mapleton, Sunday evening, December 25, 1898, by Rev. R. S. Woodward, Mr. Martin G. Johnston and Miss Annie A. Anderson, both of Mapleton.

BAILEY—LAMBERSON—At the Presbyterian parsonage in Mount Union, Saturday, December 24, 1898, by Rev. D. H. Campbell, Mr. Harry Bailey and Miss Letitia Lamberson, both of Mapleton.

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ORPHAN'S COURT SALE

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE!

The undersigned trustee, appointed by the Orphan's Court of Huntingdon County to sell the real estate of John Shoop, late of the township of Union, county of Huntingdon, and state of Pennsylvania, deceased, will expose to sale on the premises in Union township, two miles south of Mapleton,

Thursday, January 26th, 1899,

at 1 o'clock p. m., all the following described real estate, to wit:

Tract No. 1. All that certain messuage, tract or parcel of land situate in Union township, county of Huntingdon, beginning at a sugar by lands of John Shoop north 24½ degrees east 138 perches to a red oak; thence by lands of Samuel Dell north 49 degrees west 208 perches to stones; thence by lands of Eliel Smith, now heirs of Levi Dell, south 30 degrees west 148 perches to stones; thence by lands of Samuel Dell south 49 degrees east 208 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 162 acres and 40 perches and the usual allowances, be the same more or less. Having thereon erected a Two-story Log House, Bank Barn, Wood house, Dry house, Smoke house, Wagon shed and other out buildings.

Tract No. 2. All that certain tract of land situate in Hare's Valley, Union township, and county of Huntingdon, beginning at a gum thence by Rocky Ridge north 23½ degrees east 242 perches to a walnut; thence by lands of Hares Lang north 62 degrees west 85 perches to a hickory; thence by lands of John Coughenour, now of Abram K. Miller, south 23 degrees west 240 perches to a white oak; and thence by lands of John Harrett south 60 degrees east 70 perches to place of beginning. Containing 108 acres and 54 perches and allowance, be the same more or less.

Tract No. 3. All that messuage, tract and tenement of land situate in Union township, county of Huntingdon, beginning at a post by lands of John Shoop, north 1 degree west 24 perches to a post; thence by lands of the said John Shoop north 67 degrees west 4 perches and 15 links to a sugar tree; thence by lands of the said John Shoop north 12 degrees east 21 perches to a sugar; thence by lands of John Shoop, jr., south 20 degrees west 60 perches to a post; thence by lands of John Shoop, jr., south 60 degrees east 20 perches to a post and place of beginning. Containing 2 acres and 123 perches, be the same more or less.

Tract No. 4. All that certain tract of land situate in Hare's Valley, Union township, and county of Huntingdon, beginning at a stone by lands of Levi Dell south 60 degrees east 17½ perches to a red maple; thence by lands of Levi Dell north 46 degrees east 12 perches to a sugar; thence by lands of Levi Dell, now J. C. Dell, north 67 degrees east 12 10 100 perches to a stone; thence by lands of John Shoop north 60 degrees west 24 perches to a stone; thence by lands of J. Shoop and Lemuel Dell south 24½ degrees west 23 10 100 perches to a stone and place of beginning. Containing 2 acres and 91 perches and allowances, be the same more or less.

The above tracts of land contain about 60 acres of good meadow land, well supplied with timber and running water in all the fields making them a very desirable piece of property. There is also a lime kiln separate and apart of said tracts of land which has been used in connection therewith and will also be included in the sale.

TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when the properties are struck down, and 23½ per cent. upon confirmation of sale; 33½ per cent. of the purchase money with interest one year after date of confirmation, and to be secured by bond or mortgage of purchaser; the balance, or the widow's one-third, payable upon the date of the widow's death and to be secured by bond and mortgage of purchaser, with interest payable to widow annually.

Also at the same time and place will be sold a lot of hay by the ton.

SIMPSON SHOOP,
Dec. 23, 1898. Trustee.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

—AT—

PRIVATE SALE.

The undersigned, executor of the estate of the late W. H. Rex, deceased, offers at private sale the real estate of the late deceased. This property is all in the Borough of Mapleton, is free from incumbrance of any kind, is well located, and those desiring comfortable homes could make no better investment. It is more economical to buy a home than to pay rent.

No. 1. A lot of ground at junction of Chestnut and Main streets on which formerly stood the mansion house and store room of the late deceased. Well of good water; stone sufficient in walls for building several foundations, outbuildings, orchard and small fruits.

No. 2. House and lot on Main street known as the Brumbaugh property, adjoining No. 1. Lot in good state of cultivation.

No. 3. House and lot on Main street, known as the Kyler property, adjoining No. 2. Large kitchen.

No. 4. House and lot at corner of Sugar and Grant streets. Large lot, out buildings. Seven-room house recently remodeled.

No. 5 House and lot on Grant street. New house, excellent lot extending through to alley. A very desirable home.

No. 6. House and lot on Spring street. Lot extends through to Gayton street.

No. 7. Double House and lot. Lot faces on Grant, Church and Spring streets.

All these properties have good drainage, are convenient to church and schools, and excepting No. 1, are occupied by tenants, and all are among the most desirable properties in Mapleton.

TERMS:—25 per cent. cash and the balance in three equal annual payments.

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JERE B. REX, Executor,
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A WEATHER SONG OF HOPE.

The rain is in the valley, the mist is on the hill,
But the soul is in the sunshine, and the heart is happy still;
For love is ever springtime, and knows not wintry chill,
And the world will be brighter in the morning!

The river has no music as it ripples to the sea,
But the soul is in the sunshine, and as happy as can be;
For love is ever springtime, with the blossoms blowing free,
And the world will be brighter in the morning!

What though the skies are solemn, and singing-birds have flown?
Love knows a sweeter music than the birds have ever known;
For love is ever springtime, and the roses are his own,
And the world will be brighter in the morning!

Oh, love it is that leads us from the sorrow of the night
To the beauty of the morning—to the splendor of the light;
And every garden blossoms, and every sky is bright,
And the world will be brighter in the morning!

A FIREPROOF MAN.

BY ADDISON P. MUNROE.

My horse had cast a shoe, and I stopped for repairs at a blacksmith's shop in Lime Rock, a quaint little hamlet in the northern part of one of our New England states. The village, a couple of miles distant from the nearest railroad, consists of the post-office, smithy and a baker's dozen of rural dwellings; a pretty and peaceful place with rustic views that a man accustomed to the bustle of city life can fully appreciate.

While waiting for my horse to be shod, I learned that a few rods further on, over the crest of the hill, were the famous lime kilns. I had heard of the kilns at Lime Rock since my boyhood, but I had never chanced to come that way before, so, telling the loquacious blacksmith that I would return for my horse soon, I strolled over the hill to investigate.

I was met by the kiln-tender, a strong, robust man about 50 years of age, who welcomed me cordially and volunteered to show me the modus operandi of the affair, which he did thoroughly. I can remember that when he flung the big iron door of his furnace open with the words, "This fire burns night and day and never goes out," although I was ten feet away from the door, I was glad to screen my face with my hands from the terrible heat; and yet, as if the fire were not hot enough, he commenced to throw on great sticks of cord wood, which blazed up instantly.

Having finished the inspection of the place, I was about to thank him and wishdraw, when I chanced to make the remark that in this quiet little village of Lime Rock one could forget all the cares of life, all its excitements and tragedies.

"Young man," he said, "for 15 years I have burnt lime in this place, and although my previous years were spent in far more exciting places, yet the nearest approach to a terrible tragedy happened to me in this same quiet, peaceful village."

Scenting an interesting narrative, I hastened to assure him that I should feel honored if he would favor me with the particulars of his adventure. Offering me a stool and filling and lighting his pipe, he told me the following tale:

"It will be ten years ago the 15th of next December that the exciting incident in which I figured occurred. As I have already explained to you, we have a gang of men here through the day, but only one man through the night, his duties being to tend the fire and draw the lime, which latter is done three times in each 24 hours. I was then the night man and was on duty on the 15th of December of which I speak.

"It was a cold, clear moonlight night about 10 o'clock. I was alone, the last lounger having gone home, and I had just replenished the great fire, when the latch was lifted, and a stranger walked in. He was a tall, muscular, well-built man, I should say about 40 years of age, clad in a large overcoat and wearing a silk hat; he had a fine, intellectual face, with flowing side whiskers and sharp black eyes; eyes that seemed to have the faculty of looking beneath the surface; in fact, they attracted my attention almost before I observed his other features.

"Now I like company in the long winter nights, and as I pushed forward a stool I bade him a cordial 'good-evening.'

" 'Good evening,' he returned pleasantly, and throwing off his overcoat he seated himself opposite to me.

" 'I do not often have callers at night,' I said, 'but they are always welcome.'

" 'Well,' he replied, 'the fact is I am walking down to the station to take the midnight train into P———. As I had plenty of time and saw the reflection of your fire I thought I would drop in, get warm and have a chat with you before finishing my walk.'

"Well, he was a good talker, and time passed pleasantly, and after we had conversed some 20 minutes I had learned that he was a professor of chemistry in B——— university in P——— and that he was an enthusiast in his profession.

"Suddenly he asked me if I would let him see my fire. I stepped around and threw open the big furnace door; the heat was intense, but although he stood within three feet of the open door, unlike most visitors, he neither moved away nor seemed to pay any attention to it, but drew nearer, if anything, with his sharp, black eyes fixed intently on the flames.

"Shutting the door I said:

" 'You are different from most people, professor; everyone cannot stand the heat as you did.'

" 'I should be able to stand it,' he replied, 'it has been the study of my life.'

"He paced back and forth excitedly, his fingers working convulsively, and his eyes still fixed on the furnace door. The sight of that fire had had a strange effect on him.

"The study of your life? What do you mean?"

" 'I will tell you,' he replied, calming himself with an effort and resuming his seat. 'As I have said, I have made chemistry my life study, but I have studied it with a fixed purpose, and that purpose is to invent a compound that will render the body of any living animal impervious to fire. Think of the renown that await the man that can render the human body fireproof! Think of the sufferings and deaths caused by fire that he could vanquish! I have labored hard for 20 long years, and at last, at last,' he almost shouted, 'I believe I have perfected it!'

"With trembling hands he drew from his pocket a bottle filled with a thick, black fluid and a small syringe with a needle point, such as physicians use for hypodermic injections.

" 'Man,' he exclaimed, 'a thimbleful of this elixir, injected into a man's veins, five minutes after injection will render him so impervious to fire that he could crawl into your furnace and go to sleep there without a particle of injury; could inhale the flames without injury to throat or lungs! Why,' he shouted, stepping in front of me, 'it is the invention of the century! Do you wonder that the heat from your fire had no effect upon me? I am fireproof! I have taken the injection, and all the fires of Hades could make no impression on my flesh!'

"I began to be alarmed at this enthusiast, he was getting so nervous and excited, but I inquired:

" 'How do you know it will work to the extent you claim, professor?'

" 'I made my last experiment last night,' he replied, 'and it was a glorious success. I took a large dog, administered a powerful opiate, so that he would not resist, injected the proper amount of the elixir and placed him in my large furnace and shut the door. When I get home tonight I shall let him out.'

" 'And you expect to find him alive?' I burst out incredulously.

" 'I most certainly do, and he will be none the worse for his experience, except that he will be pretty hungry; two hours after I left him my assistant told me he was sleeping peacefully. Now only one more trial is necessary to convince the world that it can be done—nay, that it is done—and that is to experiment on a human being! After this last experiment I shall introduce legislation making inoculation compulsory, so that death by fire will forever be a thing of the past, and my name will be handed down to future generations as the greatest benefactor of the human race. And now, having taken the injection, and with that magnificent, glorious fire of yours at hand, I propose to test it on myself, with your permission.'

"I started to my feet. My eyes were opened at last; I was talking to a lunatic, a determined madman. I looked at him with horror and made up my mind that he should not thus commit suicide; I would knock him down with a stick of cord-wood first.

"Meanwhile he had drawn a small bottle from his pocket, removed the cork and saturated a handkerchief with its contents; I smelt the fumes of ether. In a second, before I could think further, he sprang upon me. Instantly it flashed upon me that he intended to experiment upon me, not himself. With the cunning of a madman he had thrown me off my guard and intended to etherize me and then to inject some of his compound into my body.

"Now, as you see, I am a pretty rugged man, and I was still more so ten years ago. Without a weapon of any kind, it was to be a struggle in which strength and strength alone would count, and to my dying day I shall never forget the desperation of that combat. I fully realized that if he succeeded in placing that handkerchief against my nostrils all would be ended; so, shouting loudly for help, I put forth my strength in my fight for life. In less than a minute I realized that I had found my match.

"I had succeeded in grasping his wrists, and I dared not release them for fear of the ether. Back and forth we pushed, round and round we circled; we tripped, fell, broke apart and rose again both at the same instant.

"He rushed at me again with wild, unearthly cries; he bore me backward. I struck against a barrel of lime, and over I went with him on top; something pressed down hard on my mouth and nose; I struck out blindly, then a great blackness came over me, and I knew no more.

"When I came to myself I was lying on a pile of old bags, right where you are sitting now, with a man working over me; near the door was my professor, securely manacled between two other men in uniform. The professor was bewailing his ill fortune and pouring out curses upon his captors for interrupting him.

" 'Well, neighbor,' said the man who was attending me, 'that was a pretty close call; wait until your head gets a little clearer and I will explain.'

"In a short while they told me that the 'professor' was an inmate of a lunatic asylum in P———, where they were employed as keepers. He had succeeded in escaping that morning, and they had tracked him with great difficulty, as he was wonderfully cunning. When in the neighborhood of our kiln they had heard his wild shouts as he made his last attack on me and rushing thither had arrived just as I fell, overpowered. After a desperate struggle they had secured him.

" 'He is sound enough except on this subject of fire,' said the keeper. 'Only last night he poisoned one of our pet dogs with some chemical mixture, treated the body with his elixir and then put it in the furnace. The only way we could quiet his frenzy was to tell him the dog was sleeping quietly. And now, as we must get him back to the institution, is there anything we can do for you?'

"I requested him to go to a certain farmhouse and call one of my helpers to take my place, as I did not feel able to finish out the night. This he did; and then taking the madman, who had relapsed into a sullen fit, into their carriage, the men bade me good night and drove away, and I never set eyes on the 'professor' again. Yes, you may rest assured I never forget the 15th of December."

Thanking him for his story I bade the lime-burner good-by and left him piling the wood on his great fire, which threw a lurid glow on the interior of his shed.—Waverley Magazine.

The Serenade.

It is the confession of the young man himself, a Detroiter who went to a country village in the state to learn business in a general store.

"I dote on music. Out there were some good players and we organized a string band. I can't perform on anything more difficult than a jewsharp, but I was promoter, organizer, conductor and all that, so they named the band after me. We never played for money, but went to the houses of friends, where we always had pleasant entertainment, or took later turns at serenading. We were out on the latter errand one night when I took the band to one of the largest and most pretentious homes in the town. It was brilliantly lighted up, and we played our catchiest selections, but there was no response. We went away mad, but finally gave the family the benefit of the doubt, and went back later, but with no better result.

"Next morning I was busy at the store when the village physician, an old school gentleman, came in smiling, lifted his hat and said, 'Good morning, doc,' and intimated that I might send in a bill if I wanted to. I was dumfounded, for a nodding acquaintance was all I had with the doctor and the idea of his being so deferential was incomprehensible to me. There appeared to be a rush of customers that morning, and they all wore a peculiar smile that I could not interpret. At last I got hold of the little daily published there. It told of the serenade at the big house, concluding with the thanks of the doctor and the family, and the assurance that mother and son were both doing well. The band never met again and they named the boy Dewey."—Detroit Free Press.

A Marriage Test.

Both in the northern and western islands of Scotland the natives have some peculiar customs unfamiliar to the dwellers on the mainland. One of these, known as the "marriage test," is practiced in the Island of St. Kilda, where the population barely exceeds 100. Every man, before he is deemed suitable for a husband, has to perform an evolution attended with no little bodily risk. The St. Kildans are, of course, adept rock-climbers, and the aspirant for matrimony is therefore subjected to the test of balancing himself on one leg on a narrow ledge overhanging a precipice, bending his body at the same time in order to hold the foot of his other leg in his hands. If found lacking in courage the maiden withdraws from her betrothal, and should the man fall over the ledge it is presumed that in that case he will be disqualified.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: "Architects of Fate"—Young Men Are the Molders of Their Own Destiny, and They Are Admonished to Build on the Right Foundation.

TEXT: "Run, speak to this young man."—Zechariah ii., 4.

There was no snow on the beard of the prophet of my text and no crows' feet had left their mark near his eyes. Zechariah was a young man, and in a day dream he saw and heard two angels talking about the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. One of these angels desires that young Zechariah should be well informed about the rebuilding of that city, its circumference and the height of its walls, and he says to the other angel, "Run, speak to this young man." Do not walk, but run, for the message is urgent and imminent. So every young man needs to have immediate advice about the dimensions, the height and the circumference of that which, under God, He is to build—namely, His own character and destiny. No slow or laggard pace will do. A little further on, and counsel will be of no advantage. Swift footed must be the practical and important suggestions, for they might as well never be made at all. Run at the pace of five miles the hour, and speak to that young man. Run, before this year of 1898 is ended. Run, before this century is closed. Run, before his character is inexorably decided for two worlds, this world and the next. How many of us have found out by long and bitter experience things that we ought to have been told before we were twenty-five years of age. Now I propose to tell you some things which, if you will seriously and praverfully observe, will make you master of the situation in which you are now placed and master of every situation in which you ever will be placed. And in order that my subject may be climacteric, begin on the outside edge of that advice, which will be more and more important as the subject unfolds.

Now, if you would be master of the situation, do not expend money before you get it. How many young men irretrievably mortgage their future because of resources that are quite sure to be theirs. Have the money either in your hand, or in a safety deposit, or in a bank, or in a United States bond before you make purchases, or go into expensive enterprises, or hitch a spanking team to a glittering turnout, or contract for the building of a mansion on the Potomac or the Hudson. Do not depend on an inheritance from your father or uncle. The old man may live on a good deal longer than you expect, and the day of your enforced payment may come before the day of his decease. You cannot depend upon rheumatism or heart failure or senility to do its work. Longevity is so wonderfully improved that you cannot depend upon people dying when you think they ought to. They live to be septuagenarians, or octogenarians, or nonagenarians, or even centenarians, and meanwhile their heirs go into bankruptcy, or, tempted to forgery, or misappropriation of trust funds, or watering of railroad or mining stock, go into the penitentiary. Neither had you better spread yourself out because of the fifteen or twenty per cent. you expect from an investment. Most of the fifteen or twenty per cent. investments are apt to pay nothing save the privilege of being assessed to meet the obligations of the company in the affairs of which you get involved. Better get 3½ per cent. from a government bond than be promised fifteen per cent. from a dividend which will never be declared, or paid only once or twice, so as to tempt you deeper in before the grand smash up, and you receive, instead of a payment of dividends, a letter from the president and secretary of the company saying that they are very sorry.

Do not say you have no chance, but remember Isaac Newton, the greatest astronomer of his day, once peddling cabbages in the street, and Martin Luther singing on the public square for any pennies that he might pick up, and John Bunyan mending kettles, and the late Judge Bradley, of the United States Supreme Court, who was the son of a charcoal burner, and Turner, the painter, who was the son of a barber, and Lord Clive, who saved India to England, shipped by his father to Madras as a useless boy whom he wanted to get rid of, and Prideaux, the world renowned scholar and theologian, scouring pots and pans to work his way through college, and the mother of the late William E. Dodge, the philanthropist and magnificent man, keeping a thread and needle store, and Peter Cooper, who worked on small wages in a glue factory, living to give $500,000 for the founding of an institute that has already educated thousands of the poor sons and daughters of America, and Cowditch, the scientist, beginning his useful learning and affluent career by reading the books that had been driven ashore from a shipwreck at Salem. There is, young man, a great financial or literary or moral or religious success awaiting you if you only know how to go up and take it. Then take it or get ready to take it. The mightier the opposition the grander the triumph when you have conquered.

Again, if you would master the situation, when angry do not utter a word or write a letter, but before you speak a word or write a word sing a verse of some hymn in a tune arranged in minor key and having no staccato passages. If very angry, sing two verses. If in a positive rage, sing three verses. First of all, the unhealthiest thing on earth is to get mad. It jangles the nerves, enlarges the spleen and sets the heart into a wild thumping. Many a man and many a woman has in time of such mental and physical agitation dropped dead. Not only that, but it makes enemies out of friends, and makes enemies more virulent, and anger is partial or consummate suicide. Great attorneys, understanding this, have often won their cause by willfully throwing the opposing counsel into a rage. There is one man you must manage or one woman you must control in order to please God and make life a success, and that is yourself.

The hardest realm that you will ever have to govern is the realm between your scalp and heel. The most dangerous cargo a ship can carry is dynamite, and the most perilous thing in one's nature is an explosive temper. If your nature is hopelessly irascible and tempestuous, then dramatize placidity. If the ship is on fire and you cannot extinguish the flames, at any rate keep down the hatches. When at some injustice inflicted upon you or some insult offered or some wrong done, the best thing for you to say is to say nothing, and the best thing for you to write is to write nothing. If the meanness done you is unbearable or you must express yourself or die, then I commend a plan that I have once or twice successfully adopted. Take a sheet of paper. Date it at your home or office. Then put the wrong-doer's name at the head of the letter page, without any prefix of "Colonel" or suffix of "D. D.," and begin with no term of courtesy, but a bold and abrupt "Sir." Then follow it with a statement of the wrong he has done you and of the indignation you have felt. Put into it the strongest terms of execration you can employ without being profane. Sign your name to the red hot epistle. Fold it. Envelop it. Direct it plainly to the man who has done you wrong. Carry the letter a week, or two weeks if need be, and then destroy it. In God's name destroy it. I like what Abraham Lincoln said to one of his cabinet officers. That cabinet officer had been belied and misrepresented until in a fury he wrote a letter of arraignment to his enemy, and in tersest possible phraseology told him what he thought of him. The cabinet officer read it to Mr. Lincoln and asked him how he liked it. Mr. Lincoln replied: "It is splendid for sarcasm and scorn. I never heard anything more complete in that direction. But do you think you can afford to send it?" That calm and wise and Christian interrogation of the president stopped the letter, and it was never sent. Young man, before you get far on in life unless you are an exception among men, you will be wronged, you will be misinterpreted, you will be outraged. All your sense of justice will be in conflagration. Let me know how you meet that first great offense, and I will tell you whether your life is to be a triumph or a failure. You see, equipoise at such a time means so many things. It means self control. It means a capacity to foresee results. It means a confidence in your own integrity. It means a faith in the Lord God that He will see you through.

Again, if you would be master of the situation, expect nothing from good luck, or haphazard, or gaming adventures. In this time, when it is estimated that gambling exchanges money to the amount of $80,000,000 a day, this remark may be useful. There come times in many a man's life when he hopes to get something for which he does not give an equivalent, and there are fifty kinds of gambling. Stand aloof from all of them. Understand that the gambling spirit is a disease, and the more successful you are the more certain you are to go right on to your own ruin. Having made his thousands, why does not the gambler stop and make a safe investment of what he has gained and spend the rest of his life in quiet or less hazardous style of occupation? The reason is he cannot stop. Nothing but death ever cures a confirmed gambler.

Dr. Keeley's gold cure rescues the drunkard, and there are antitobacco preparations that will arrest the victim of nicotine, and religion can save any one except a gambler. The fact is he is irresponsible. Having got the habit in him he is no more responsible for keeping on than a man falling from the roof of a four-story house can stop at the window of the second story. Here and there you may find an instance where a gambler has been reported or reports himself as being converted, but in that case the man was not fully under the heel of the passion. The real gambler is a through passenger to death and perdition. The only use in referring to him is in the way of prevention. He began by taking chances on a bookcase or a sewing machine at a church fair and ended by getting a few pennies for his last valuable in a pawnbroker's shop. The only man who gambles successfully is the man who loses so fearfully at the start that he is disgusted and quits. Let him win at the start and win again, and it means farewell to home and heaven. Most merciless of all habits! Horace Walpole says that a man dropped down at the door of a clubhouse in London and was carried in, and the gamblers began to bet whether he was dead or not, and when it was proposed to bleed him for his recovery the gamblers objected that it would affect the fairness of the bet. What noble men they must have been! But more and more ladies are becoming gamblers. They bet at the races and have prizes in social groups which are nothing but the stakes of gambling. A good way for a lady to get into the gamester's habit is by beginning with "progressive euchre." That opens the door in a fashionable way. In one of our great cities invitations were sent out for such a meeting at the card tables. The guests entered and sat down and began. After awhile the excitement ran high, and the lady who was the hostess fainted and fell under the table. The guests arose, but some one said: "Don't touch the bell! Let us finish the game. She would have done so herself and would wish us if she spoke." The game went on for thirty minutes longer, and then a physician was called. After examination of the case it was found that the lady had been dead twenty minutes. As the guests lift their hands in surprise I exclaim in regard to them, What delicate and refined and angelic womanhood!

Young man, seek only elevating and improving companionship. Do not let the last scion of a noble family, a fellow with a big name, but bad habits, for he drinks and swears and is dissolute, take your arm to walk down the street or spend an evening with you, either at your room or his room. Remember that sin is the most expensive thing in God's universe. I have read that Sir Brasil, the knight, tired out with the chase, had a falcon on his wrist, as they did in days of falconry, when with hawks or falcons they went forth to bring down partridges or grouse or pigeons, and being very thirsty came to a stream struggling from a rock, and, releasing the falcon from his wrist, he took the bugle which he carried, and, stopping the mouthpiece of his bugle with a tuft of moss, he put this extemporized cup under the water which came down drop by drop from the rock until the cup was full, and then lifted it to drink, when the falcon he had released with sudden swoop dashed the cup from his hand. By the same process he filled the cup again and was about to drink when the falcon by another swoop dashed down the cup. Enraged at this insolence and violence of the bird, he cried, "I will wring thy neck if thou doest that again." But, having filled the cup a third time and trying to drink a third time, the falcon dashed it down. Then Sir Brasil with his fist struck the bird, which fluttered and looked lovingly and reproachfully at him and dropped dead. Then Sir Brasil, looking up to the top of the rock whence dripped the water, saw a great green serpent coiled fold above fold, the venom from his mouth dropping into that from which Sir Brasil had filled his cup. Then exclaimed the knight, "What a kind thing it was for the falcon to dash down that poisoned cup, and what a sad thing that I killed him, and what a narrow escape I had!" So now there are no more certainly waters that refresh than waters that poison. This moment there are thousands of young men, unwittingly and not knowing what they do, taking into their bugle cup of earthly joy that which is deadly because it drips from the jaws of that old serpent, the devil, and the dove of God's spirit in kindly warning dashes down the cup, but again it is filled and again dashed down and again filled and again dashed down. Why not turn away and slake your thirst at the clear, bright, perennial fountain that breaks from the Rock of Ages, a fountain so wide and so deep that all the inhabitants of earth and all the armies of heaven may stoop down and fill their chalices?

The Venezuelan Government has resumed payment of the debt, suspended on account of the revolution.

A NEW CABINET MEMBER

Ethan Allen Hitchcock is Appointed Secretary of the Interior.

SENATE CONFIRMS NOMINATION.

The President Appoints a Successor to Cornelius N. Bliss—The New Secretary is at Present Ambassador to Russia—The Nomination Was a Surprise—The Career of Mr. Hitchcock.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The President nominated Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of Missouri, to be Secretary of the Interior to succeed Cornelius N. Bliss. The nomination was confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Hitchcock is at present United States Ambassador to Russia. He was appointed Minister to Russia in August, 1897, and attained the higher rank of Ambassador when that station was raised to an embassy.

CORNELIUS N. BLISS.
(Who has resigned from the Cabinet.)

President McKinley upset all political slates when he sent Mr. Hitchcock's nomination to the Senate, and he gave the Senators and politicians a surprise such as they rarely get. Nobody outside of the Cabinet knew, apparently, that Mr. Hitchcock had been selected, and when the name went to the Senate it took everybody unawares.

Secretary Bliss, in reply to a request for information about his retirement from the Cabinet, said:

"It has been understood for some time that it would be my wish to retire from public life on the conclusion of the war. Now that the peace treaty has been signed, my request to be relieved will be granted, but I shall await the arrival of my successor before severing my connection with the department. I have been in most hearty accord with the President in his policy through the trying days in which he sought to avoid war and while as Commander-in-Chief he was conducting the war that came, notwithstanding his efforts to prevent it. I believe most thoroughly in the course he is now pursuing for maintaining the honor of the country by securing the just results of a successful war. I shall leave my associates of the Cabinet and of the department and my many friends in Washington with a great regret, but private and personal reasons make my retirement a necessity."

The new Secretary is not expected to arrive here and take the oath of office before February 10.

The New Secretary's Career.

Mr. Hitchcock, the new secretary, was appointed early in 1897 Minister of the United States at St. Petersburg, and when Russia sent her present representative here with the rank of Ambassador, Mr. Hitchcock was also promoted to the higher grade. As his full name indicates, the new Cabinet officer is descended from Vermont stock, being a great-grandson of Colonel Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderoga, though his father moved South before the war, and he was himself born in Mobile, Ala. In St. Louis he is known as a business man of large wealth and high standing. For many years he has been President of the Crystal Plate Glass Company, of Crystal City, Mo., an extensive and important enterprise. Mr. Hitchcock is known as a thorough business man, who has not been actively in politics, although he has always been a stanch Republican.

A SERIOUS RAILROAD WRECK.

A Rear-End Collision in New Jersey Kills Two and Injuries Many.

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (Special).—In the thick fog of Wednesday morning a serious rear-end collision of two Pennsylvania Railroad trains occurred at Colonia, one mile west of Perth Amboy Junction. Two men were instantly killed, five persons were injured somewhat seriously, and nearly a dozen or more received cuts and bruises requiring medical treatment.

Those killed were: William O. De Wolfe, a passenger, twenty-two years old; L. E. Knight, colored, a Pullman car porter.

The list of those injured most seriously is as follows: Mrs. Julia Levy, a passenger; James E. Welsh, Pullman-car conductor, of Jersey City, both legs broken; Frank Irish, a passenger, of Peaver, Penn., collarbone broken and arm injured; Benjamin Mead, a passenger, of Brooklyn, left leg broken; Samuel Zanes, fireman, of Philadelphia, serious scalp wound; John Vandrigrifth, engineer, of Kensington, Philadelphia, sprained knee and painful bruises; F. Kupper, a passenger, commercial traveler, of Brooklyn, cut across the abdomen.

The two trains involved in the wreck were the second section of the Chicago and New York express, and the second section of the night express from Washington. The Chicago train was nearly forty minutes late at Colonia, while the Washington express was also behind the schedule time.

According to the Pennsylvania Railroad officials the Chicago train was stopped at Colonia by signal of the operator there, for what reason is not known. William Heppenheimer, the flagman of this train, immediately started back with a lantern and torpedoes to place on the track. The flagman had proceeded only a few steps when the Washington Limited came thundering up, the engine almost burying itself in the rear sleeping car of the Chicago train. Vandrigrifth and Zanes, the engineer and fireman of the Washington train, leaping out just before the crash.

MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS.

Whist tournaments are in progress at the leading colleges.

The North Chicago Bowling League has decided not to accept the proposition of the Greater New York Bowling Team for a series of games.

Alfredo de Oro, of Cuba and New York, is the champion pool player of the United States. He earned that title at Syracuse, N. Y., by defeating Frank Eby, of Springfield.

J. A. R. Elliott, of Kansas City, defeated Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, 95 to 92, in the live-bird shoot at Watson's Park, Chicago, for the Sportsman's Review Trophy.

There is little or no demand for bicycles in Portuguese East Africa. There are only a few miles of hard roads in Lourenco Marquez, and parts of these are very steep. The remaining roads are sandy, and it is an impossibility to ride a bicycle over them.

Careful inquiry fails to reveal a boxer who will acknowledge that it ever hurt him to be knocked out. The sensation is described as rather pleasant than otherwise by pugilists who have experienced it, and they refer to the event almost invariably with laughter.

Miss Beatrix Hoyt will certainly have no cause for complaint in the facilities for golf-playing at Shinnecock Hills next season. The trustees of Shinnecock Hills organization have just purchased twenty additional acres of land, and will make the women's course the longest nine-hole one in the country.

Under the old rules for continuous pool the player was only required to call the number of his object ball, and it was his if it fell in any pocket, but in recent professional matches the players have been required to call both "ball and pocket," the ball being spotted if it went in any other pocket than that called.

The Earl of Durham, addressing the Gimcrack Club, of London, at its annual banquet, described the last English racing season as mediocre. Referring to the manner in which some horses had been "hauled about" on the race course, he said he welcomed the advent of "Tod" Sloan, a "consummate judge of pace."

Philadelphia has signed Roy A. Thomas, an amateur outfielder, who began his baseball career six years ago on the University of Pennsylvania Team. One year he led all the colleges at the bat, and in another his batting average was .632. Later he played on the Orange A. C. Team, and was also a half back of the football eleven of that club.

THE LABOR WORLD.

There have been no lockouts or strikes in China in more than 2000 years.

Compositors in the French national printery work fourteen hours a day.

Grape pickers in the vineyards of Portugal are paid about twenty-one cents a day.

The National Garment Workers' Union issued 3,000,000 of its labels during the past year.

The cigarmakers of this country are said to spend $30,000 a year in advertising the union label.

The boxmakers and sawers of Chicago have unionized all box factories in the city and vicinity.

British trade unions have started a fight on firms that print the Bible and refuse to pay union wages.

Printers only work forty-two hours per week in the Government printing office in the South African Republic.

The labor unions of Sweden have organized a national labor congress with permanent headquarters at Stockholm.

Miners of South Wales refused, by a vote of 51,836 against 12,534, to abolish their monthly holiday known as "Mabon's day."

Labor in Canada is about the same as in this country so far as conditions and wages are concerned. Many Canadians work in the United States, and vice versa.

As a result of the strike against a reduction of wages in the Carter shoe factory at Nashville, Tenn., a union shoe factory, on the co-operative plan, has been established.

Organized labor in France is in a flourishing condition. According to the last report of the French Labor Department, there are 2253 trade and labor unions, with a membership of 422,777.

The Labor Commissioner of Missouri reports that seventy per cent. of the women applying for work at the public employment bureau in St. Louis have deserted their husbands or been deserted by them.

There is not much to be said of the laborer in Egypt, as no one is hired by the day or week except in agriculture, when laborers receive about $4 a month and board and work as long as daylight lasts.

In Hungary the Government has abolished labor unions, banished the leaders from their respective towns and has confiscated the funds in the treasuries of the organizations. The average wages in cities are $2.05 per week of sixty-five hours.

NEWSY CLEANINGS.

The Government is preparing stamps for Cuba.

An inexhaustible deposit of cement has been discovered near Owen Sound, Ontario.

During 1898 Pennsylvania bought 55,000 acres at tax sales to add to the forest reservation.

Adjutant-General Corbin estimates that 81,000 soldiers will be required to govern our colonies.

The assessment rolls in New York City have been completed and show an increase of $300,000,000 in valuations.

Compromising War Office documents were found in the house of the father of an ex-artilleryman in Nismes, France.

Colonel Kimball has recommended to the War Department that officers and crews of army transports be put in uniform.

Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, the most popular member of a famous family, died suddenly in England. He was fifty-nine years old.

John Getz, of New York City, has been appointed to take charge of the Department of Art for this country at the Paris Exposition.

A monument to the Russians who fell in the Russo-Turkish war was unveiled by the Grandduke Nicholas at San Stefano, near Constantinople.

The Belgian police have discovered a manufactory in Brussels where the paintings of the leading modern artists have been reproduced and sold as the original masterpieces.

It appears from investigations that fully twenty per cent. of those drawing pensions from Georgia are holders of considerable amounts of property. Their assessments range from $900 to $18,000.

According to a record kept by the Chicago Tribune, there have been one hundred and thirteen lynchings in the United States during the eleven months of 1898, seven in the North and 106 in the South.

General Booth, of the Salvation Army, announces that he will at once institute a crusade against gambling, which is alarmingly on the increase in England.

END OF VOLUNTEER ARMY

Orders For the Mustering Out of Fifty Thousand Men Issued.

REGULARS RELIEVE VOLUNTEERS

The Cabinet Decides Upon This Step—The Mustering Out Will Be Completed Within a Month—Volunteers in Southern Camps Are the First to Be Retired to Civil Life.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Adjutant-General Corbin has issued the preliminary orders providing for the muster-out of fifty thousand volunteers within a month. This action marks the final passing of the volunteer army, called into existence for the war with Spain, as it will terminate the existence of practically all of those regiments furnished by the States which are now distributed among the Southern camps, as well as those militia organizations now in Manila, Cuba and Porto Rico, which will soon be relieved by Regulars and returned to their homes.

The decision to dispense with all the remaining volunteers except about 22,000, temporarily required beyond the boundaries of the United States, was definitely reached at a Cabinet meeting, held a few days ago, although the project has been for some time under consideration by the War Department.

Adjutant-General Corbin is confident that the muster-out of fifty volunteer regiments will be accomplished by the end of January, the promptness being due to the fact that the mustering-out organization is now thoroughly experienced, and can proceed with great rapidity.

In his preliminary orders the Adjutant-General directed the work of preparing the muster rolls to be begun immediately in all the volunteer regiments in Southern camps. He thinks the first of these will be completed before the middle of January, and as rapidly as the regiments are ready for discharge they will be sent to their homes and their men will be released. General Corbin says that so far as possible the State quotas will be respected in the selection of the regiments to be retained in the service. From this it is likely that by the end of January no two regiment from a single State will be left in the service.

STANDARD OIL BOOKS BURNED.

Employes Testify to Throwing Them in the Company's Furnaces.

CLEVELAND, Ohio (Special).—Sensational testimony was adduced at the hearing held a few days ago instituted by Attorney-General Monett to locate the missing books of the Standard Oil Trust, which were supposed to have been hidden to circumvent prosecution under the anti-Trust laws.

Employes of the Standard Oil Company testified in the special examination concerning the burning of books. The most important testimony was that of John McNierney, who is employed in the car building and repair department of the Standard Oil works.

"On Saturday morning, November 19," he said, "I was ordered to go to the warehouse and get a lot of boxes and take them to the furnace room of the car building department. I did as I was ordered, and when we got the boxes to the furnaces we pried them open and took out a lot of books. They looked like ledgers to me. We burned up the books and then we threw a lot of loose papers into the blazing furnaces. Gunny sacks filled with books and papers, mostly letters, were also thrown into the furnace on this occasion. I was assisted by a fellow employe whose name is Moran. I cannot remember his first name."

Continuing, he told of a visit to the general office. When he arrived there he said he met three other employes of the Standard whose names are: Gagelin, Moran and Schaefele. They went to the fifth floor of the building and secured a lot of boxes and bags, and took them down the passenger elevator to the ground floor. They were just about to take the sacks and boxes out into the street and load them into drays, when some one ordered them to take the boxes and bags back to the fifth floor. They complied, and were compelled to wait around the building until dusk in the afternoon before being allowed to proceed with removing the boxes and bags.

On the following Monday morning he said that he and the men were ordered to take the boxes and bags to the pump house, where they were opened and the books and papers which they contained were thrown into the furnace there.

ARMY ORGANIZATION BILL.

House Committee to Report the Hull Measure Increasing the Army.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special). — The House Committee on Military Affairs ordered a favorable report on the Hull bill increasing the regular army to 100,000 men. The vote was eight to five, on party lines, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Hull, Marsh, Griffin, Ketcham, Fenton, Belknap, McDonald and Brownlow, Republicans.

Nays—Messrs. Sulzer, Cox, Lentz, Hay and Jett, Democrats.

The minority gave notice of a minority report and a substitute bill. The main feature of the substitute bill will be a standing army limited to that existing before the recent war and authority to the President to enlist a large temporary force, probably 50,000 men, for service in outlying territory.

AFRAID TO GO TO CHURCH.

Ministers Declare That the Fear of Footpads Keeps the Pews Empty.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (Special).—The Congressional ministers of St. Louis, in conference, have decided that the cause of empty pews at evening church services is the fear of footpads and have appointed a Committe of three ministers to render any assistance to the police that may be necessary to suppress the evil.

Rev. Dr. M. Durnan, of Pilgrim Church, was selected Chairman, and Rev. Dr. C. S. Sargent, of the Central Church, and Rev. Dr. C. H. Patton, of the First Church, associate members. This Committee will confer with the proper authorities in regard to suppressing highway robbery.

Former Queen Liliuokalani Protests.

The United States Senate, Washington, has received a protest from ex-Queen Liliuokalani against the seizure of the so-called Hawaiian Crown lands.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations reported the bill providing for the Government of Hawaii, in which many changes had been made.

A Marshal's jury declared Joseph W. Pearson to be insane. Pearson is the man who created a sensation by hurling missiles through the door and windows of the British Embassy. The man was taken to the insane asylum.

The Bailey resolution directing an investigation of the right of members who volunteered in the Spanish-American war to seats in the House was adopted. The seats affected are those of Mr. Wheeler (Dem., Ala.), Mr. Colson (Rep., Ky.), Mr. Robbins (Rep., Penn.), and Mr. Campbell (Dem., Ill.).

The Postmaster-General announced the appointment of Major E. G. Rathbun, of Ohio, ex-Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, to take charge of and conduct the postal service in Cuba, with the title of Director of Posts.

The Peruvian Government has decided not to continue the present commercial arrangement with the United States, and it will terminate next October.

The House passed the bill appropriating $350,000 in aid of the Philadelphia Exposition. It had already passed the Senate.

In the Senate Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, made a constitutional argument against the resolution introduced by Mr. Vest (Dem., Mo.,) declaring that the United States has no power to acquire territories to be held permanently as colonies.

Domestic.

Two men were killed in Brooklyn factories a few days ago by being caught in machinery. They were John Guerthermann, twenty-eight years old, and John Ehrhardt, forty-six years old. Both men leave families.

A rear-end collision between freight trains near Wilkesbarre, Penn., badly wrecked twelve coal cars, six freight cars and an engine. Conductor Peter Stark and Flagman Lyman Zephers were fatally hurt and Engineer Harry Fulton badly injured.

Roderick Chisholm, an electrician, of Chicago, was slowly burned to death a few days ago while suspended twenty feet above the ground. Several hundred people saw him suffer without being able to render assistance.

William Steele, former casher of the wrecked Chestnut Street National Bank, of Philadelphia, was sentenced by Judge Butler, in the United States District Court, to six years and six months' imprisonment and $300 fine.

David Shea, an ex-convict, fatally shot himself in the head at St. Louis, Mo. In a pathetic letter left by Shea he says he was driven to death by a private detective agency. Shea declares he was unable to obtain work to sustain himself honestly and he decided to die.

Frederick von Hartmann, aged twenty-seven, son of Baron von Hartmann, of Cologne, Germany, has been sentenced to five years in the State Prison by Judge Buck, of Kalamazoo County, Indiana, for burglary.

Dr. J. C. Campbell, a popular physician of Elmer, N. J., was arrested for forgery. He was taken to Mayor Hetchner's office, at Bridgeton, and while confined there committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

The two attempts on the life of Andrew J. Smith, Governor of the Soldiers' Home at Santa Monica, Cal., have frightened him into resigning, and his resignation, to take effect March 31, 1899, has been accepted.

Thomas Jones, living near Greer, W. Va., attempted to light a fire with crude oil. An explosion took place, which wrecked the room and ignited the dresses of his twin daughters, aged six years. Jones himself was injured so badly that he could not assist the children, and they were burned to death.

Harry Davis, aged about nineteen years, son of George Davis, a farmer living near Three Bridges, N. J., accidentally blew out his brains while attempting to kill a hawk which was trying to catch his father's chickens.

David Dilliplane, the thirteen-year-old son of Irwin C. Dilliplane, a well-known resident of East Township, Pennsylvania, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. The cause of suicide is unknown.

Governor McLaurin, of Mississippi, has pardoned Will Purvis, the famous Marion County Whitecapper. Purvis was hanged some years ago for the murder of a fellow-Whitecapper, but was not killed. Purvis was subsequently rescued and hidden away, but he finally surrendered, and his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Colonel Edwin S. Barrett, President of the Sons of the American Revolution, fell from his window at Concord, Mass., and died about an hour later from his injuries.

Three moonshiners, Jacob Lambert, one Greer, and an unknown man, were killed, and several of their companions wounded, in a battle with revenue officers in Knox County, Kentucky, a few days ago. The officers were not hurt.

As primarily responsible for the death of Franklin W. Waters in the railroad accident at Sharon last August, in which five persons were killed and many others injured, Daniel W. Getchell, an engineer, convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced by Judge Sherman in the Superior Court at Dedham, Mass., to two years at hard labor in the House of Correction.

Henry A. Chapin, the multi-millionaire mine owner and richest man in Michigan, died a few days ago at his home in Niles. He was estimated to be worth at the least $10,000,000.

The Methodist Church in the village of Mariton, N. J., was destroyed by fire and two adjoining residences were badly damaged. The fire is believed to have been caused by a defective heater. The loss on the church is about $7500. It was insured for $2500.

The case of United States Senator Kenney, charged at Wilmington, Del., with conspiracy to defraud the First National Bank at Dover, resulted in a second mistrial.

Gennaro Agnone, an Italian banker and pawnbroker of New Haven, Conn., is missing. It is said that he has fled with the deposits of hundreds of his fellow-countrymen. It is believed to be over $10,000.

Grip is epidemic in Greater New York, due, physicians say, to the foul condition of the streets. The disease also prevails in Philadelphia, Albany and other cities.

Thieves entered the jewelry stores of Alexander Weed and Sigismund Kronholtz, both of Stamford, Conn., and secured upward of $1500 worth of booty in each place.

The naval militiamen who served on board the Yankee, Nahant and other vessels during the Spanish war, have begun a movement for the formation of the Yankee Club.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS JANUARY 1.

Lesson Text: "Christ the True Light," John i., 1-14—Golden Text: "In Him Was Life; and the Life Was the Light of Man," John i., 4—Commentary.

1. In the beginning was the Word. "With evident allusion to the first word of Genesis, the primal beginning of things. But the Word then already was. He was also the efficient principle, the beginning of the beginning." Nothing existed before Him. His was eternal self-existence. (Compare John 17: 5.) Was the Word. "No translation of the Greek term 'Logos,' here translated Word, is at all adequate."—Cambridge Bible. Logos has the double meaning of thought and speech, the inner reality, or nature, or idea, expressed in outward form.

2. The same. The Word that was God was also with God. A distinction and yet unity. Was in the beginning. The relation was not new with the coming of Christ. "Ask the sun if ever it were without its beams. Ask the fountain if ever it were without its streams. So God was never without His Son."—Arrowsmith. Jesus Christ is the Word because He reveals God to men; He is the expression of God to man in terms that He can understand.

3. All things were made by Him. Through Him. Creation was His work, His department. In Genesis, in describing the creation, the expression, And God said, is used eight times. "All things" include things spiritual as well as material, angels and men as well as the world. And without Him. Apart from Him. Was not anything. No, not one (not even one): stronger than nothing."—Dr. Plummer. That was made. Came into being. All creation was a revelation of God.

4. In Him was life. "He was the well-spring from which every form of life—physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual, eternal—flows."—Cambridge Bible. He was especially the source of eternal life, the life of God in the soul, the life described in John 3: 3, 5, the new birth, the beginning of the true life. And the life was the light of men. Life comes first, then light. According to Scripture and according to the latest science, some energy, some living force first set the particles of matter into motion, and the first result was light. Light is a form of motion, and motion comes from life. This is equally true of the soul.

5. And the light shineth in darkness. R. V., the darkness, of sin, and ignorance, and hopelessness without heaven, or God, or peace. And the darkness comprehended (R. V., apprehended) it not. Did not admit or receive the light so that the darkness would be removed. Another translation, in the margin of the R. V. is interesting—the darkness overcame it not. The light, though sometimes apparently overcome, was really victorious; it withstood every assault, and shone on triumphantly in a darkened world.

6. A man sent from God. As "an envoy with a special commission." — Vincent. Hence He was a prophet. How He came and was sent is described in Luke and Matthew. He was foretold in Mal. 3: 1; 4: 5. John's name expresses this fact, as it means "the grace (or gracious gift) of God," like "Theodore."

7. The same came for a witness, rather, a witnessing, for testimony to bear, in order that he might bear witness of the Light, because, the light being spiritual, and men's eyes closed, or intent on seeing worldly things, they would not notice the light which shone in the humble Jesus. That all men through Him might believe in the light, first by His witness, and then by seeing for themselves.

8. He was not that Light, rather, "the light." He was "a burning and a shining light," or rather, "lamp" (John 5: 35); for the words for light in the two passages are different.

9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man, each individual man that cometh. Every man that cometh, or more probably, as R. V., the true light that cometh. When John began to preach the true light was just coming into the world. The lighting every man was the test and proof that the light to which John bore witness was the true light. A lamp, however brilliant, lights but a small portion of the earth; the sun shines upon the whole round earth.

10. He, the Word, the Light. Was in the world. In all the past ages, in every manifestation of God, in the history of the chosen nation, but especially when He appeared as the man Christ Jesus, the Saviour of the world. This is one reason why the world ought to receive Him, for He was among men teaching, inviting and helping them. And the world was made by Him.

11. He came unto His own. His own possessions, His inheritance, His peculiar people, the Jews, whom He had created, whom He had chosen from the rest of the world, whom He had trained and cared for as His peculiar people, and who were His brethren according to the flesh. His own (own people) even these. Received Him not. The Greek word, according to De Wette, means "to receive into the house." The nation as a whole did not receive Him as the Son of God, their promised Messiah, their King, their Redeemer.

12. But as many (individuals) as received Him. Accepted Him as their Saviour and King, acknowledged His claims and yielded obedience to His teachings. To them gave He power (R. V., the right). The original word combines the two ideas, both the right and the power. To become the sons (better, with R. V., children) of God. On the divine side, God adopts us as children (Rom. 8: 16, 17), and makes us children by imparting to us His own life (John 3: 3, 5). On the human side, we must be born again, from above (John 3: 3, 5) by believing.

13. Which were born. Lit., were begotten, as in I John 2: 29; 3:9.—Westcott. Receiving the divine spiritual life from God, as the child receives his from his parents. Not of blood. This life is not received by natural inheritance from parents or ancestors. Race does not make us God's children. No physical process can produce this life. Nor of the will of the flesh. Not by their own efforts or exertions. Nor of the will of man. It is beyond the will of man to bestow this spiritual, eternal life. He can only lead others to the source from which it comes. But of God. He alone can impart the new life, for it is a spiritual divine life like His own.

14. And the word. With all the powers and qualifications described above. Was made. Became. The same verb as in v. 3, "all things were made (became) by Him;" through the Virgin Mary and the miraculous conception, the worthy and fitting way in which the Son of God should become flesh (See Luke 1: 26-38; Matt. 1: 18-25.) Flesh. Human nature in and according to its corporal manifestation. "The phrase became flesh means more than that He assumed a human body. He assumed human nature entire, having a human body, a human soul, a human spirit." "He became flesh and did not clothe Himself in flesh." (Compare I John 4: 2; II John 7.)

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 1, "The Angel Presence For the New Year"—Text, Ex. xxiii, 20-25.

"Behold, I send an angel before thee."

1. Divine guidance was promised the children of Israel in their escape from Egyptian slavery to the promised land of liberty, Canaan. This is symbolical of the escape from sin to salvation. The lesson is peculiarly appropriate for the first week of this new year. Divine guidance and help are needed by each one who would make the year 1899 a successful stage in the pilgrim journey of life. We note several particulars in this lesson which are of special importance. The first is the provision made for a competent guide in this journey which we are making for the first and only time. We are not aimless wanderers, but seekers of the place which God says He has prepared. What it is and where it is none but God knows. He has sent His messenger to keep us in the way and bring us there. Jesus declared that He would go and prepare a place for us. The Holy Spirit, since Pentecost, is the angel of Jehovah's presence to lead us as Israel was led in the wilderness by pillar of cloud and fire.

2. We must obey and not provoke our Divine Guide.

The impressions of the Holy Spirit come to all hearts. The pressing need of the present time is the cultivation of spiritual sensitiveness and quick obedience. Tender consciences and ready hands and feet are prime essentials in Christian life. To grieve the Holy Spirit by inattention to His voice is dangerous to all soul life. To disobey His commands and quench the impulses to good is to commit spiritual suicide. If one obeys the voice of God and follows the angel leader, he finds help in most unexpected places and his adversaries melt away. Work which seemed impossible becomes easy, and possessions that were beyond reach are brought within the grasp.

3. Exclusive devotion to God and what He commands is the price of safety and success. The Israelites were commanded to overthrow the abominable idolatries of the Canaanites and exterminate all their vile practices. All prosperity and health depended on the completeness of this work. The failure to do this service thoroughly was the chief cause of all the disasters to the nation under the various kings of Israel and Judah. The principle is an eternal one fixed in human and divine nature, and all government is controlled by it. Righteousness exalts and gives power. Sin debases and weakens. The strong one is strong because pure and good. All idols must be destroyed. God is a jealous God and will share love, devotion and obedience with no other. We must serve Him wholly or not at all.

Moses, the Mighty.

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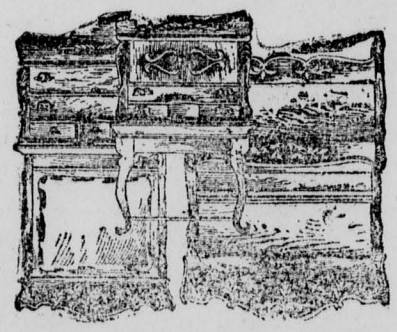

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